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Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint: Belvoir Bay 25-1

With Battash badly beaten at Longchamp, World of Trouble a doubtful runner, and Stormy Liberal seemingly one who has had enough of this game, the **Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint** is a race where we should be able to find a value bet. In truth, this event is beginning to look a bit weak. The best horse pointing for it is, **Imprimis**, arguably unlucky in his final prep. He is interesting but he is 9-1 in the future books and he will probably be 9-1 right up to the last week before the big weekend, so let's leave him for now.

One contender that make a lot of appeal, at a huge price, is the mare **Belvoir Bay**. She is listed at **25-1** with William Hill and that is a price we should take. Belvoir Bay, another sharp sprinter from the Peter Miller barn, is a high class speedball – and the fact that the Turf Sprint will be run over 5 furlongs on the flat track (not over 6.5 fur on the downhill course) is very much in her favour. Belvoir Bay is fast from the outset – as demonstrated when she almost led from gate to wire in the Al Quoz Sprint over the straight course at Meydan in March. Her performance there, when she was a game runner-up to Europe's champion sprinter Blue Point, was really impressive. It was not her absolute best piece of form, however. That came in a one-turn sprint at home. She returned Globeform 113 at Meydan, having produced **Globeform 118** when taking the Wishing Well Stakes by almost five lengths in February – a race run over 5 furlongs on Santa Anita's turf course.

Her second place finish in the Monrovia Stakes (on dirt) and fourth behind World of Trouble in the Jaipur Stakes (over 6 furlongs at Belmont Park) were solid efforts, under circumstances that did not suit her ideally.

Belvoir Bay has returned to the work tab after a break, and she has posted two nice spins at San Luis Training Center the past ten days, both over 3 furlongs, and both described as “handily” by the clockers. The first went in 38 flat the next one in 37.2. She needs to keep busy as she aims for the Breeders' Cup, and have no hiccups, but at such big odds I am very happy to take a shot at her as we are just shy of four weeks out. Belvoir Bay will be getting weight from the boys, she will have home court advantage, she is trained by the man who sent out the last four BC Sprint winners, and she will be running over her optimum trip. So, at 25-1, what more do you want? Jerry Bailey?

UPDATE OCTOBER 9: BELVOIR BAY IS NOW 14-1, WHICH IS STILL DECENT VALUE