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Breeders' Cup Classic: McKinzie 5-1

McKINZIE at 5-1 (Victor Chandler) may not be the most original of early value bets, as we still have almost six weeks to the Breeders' Cup, but the Bob Baffert trained favourite must be backed at such good odds. 5-1 looks at least two points too high. He is clearly the best horse going for the **Breeders' Cup Classic**, other high profile names have dropped out, the three-year-olds still standing are an average bunch, and there is no obvious BC Classic contender trained in Europe. Japan could be one such horse but he has to get through the 'Arc' first and only a win there would make him a short price if he turns up for the Classic. As things stand, McKinzie really doesn't have much to beat. His most serious rivals are probably Higher Power (16-1) and the improving Travers winner Code of Honor – though note that his trainer has said that the Breeders' Cup is by no means certain to be on his agenda. Then again, Shug McGaughey will also have noticed that the Classic is about to fall apart, so we do have to consider Code of Honor. He runs in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont on Saturday, when he will be facing older horses for the first time.

McKinzie produced high class form when winning the Maillibu at Santa Anita, the Alysheba at Churchill Downs, and again when he was unlucky not to win the Met Mile at Belmont Park, when he found trouble in running and had to see top class sprinter Mitole get to the wire first. McKinzie has always been a classy performer, and he has improved this year. All being well, he will be a hot favourite on November 2. With home court advantage, an ideal distance, and a strong team in his corner, he should be tough to beat in the BC Classic. He gets his final prep in the Awesome Again at Santa Anita this coming weekend.

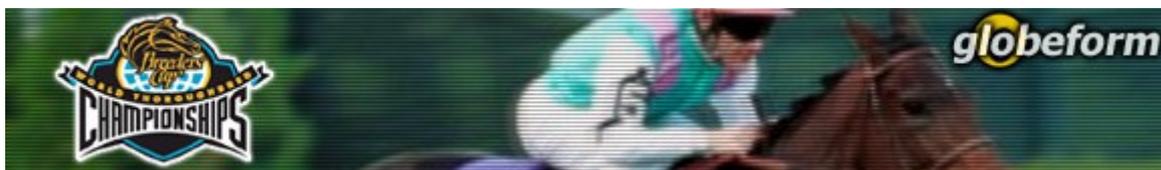
Victor Chandler is the only bookmaker still offering 5-1 about his chances. Strongly recommended.



Bob Baffert – home court advantage

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Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies: Bast 9-2

Another Baffert contender, the very talented filly **BAST**, can be backed at **9-2** for the **Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**, and it is a price well worth grabbing. She absolutely crushed the opposition when winning the Del Mar Debutante by almost nine lengths on her second start (having been unfit when beaten first time out), and she is just the type to keep on improving – and appreciate the step up in distance. Lazy Daisy, who ran fourth behind Bast at Del Mar, gave the form a solid boost when winning the Pocahontas at Churchill Downs two weeks later.

Bast is the clear divisional leader on the West Coast, and we have not seen anything to get too excited about in other regions (though that could change of course), so backing the Uncle Mo daughter now makes sense. It is hard to see what might stop her from winning again when she goes for the Chandelier Stakes as her final prep for the big day. Another stroll there would make Bast a short priced favourite for the Juvenile Fillies.

9-2 is available with Skybet, and this price makes her an early value bet.

Breeders' Cup Sprint: Mitole 15-2

This really is the wrong price, and Steve Asmussen's **Breeders' Cup Sprint** contender **Mitole** should certainly be backed. 15-2 is way too big. Yes, he will be up against Imperial Hint, probably Shancalot and possibly also Roy H (who has won the last two editions of this race) but Mitole is every bit as good as those three, and he goes to Santa Anita with a big chance. Track bias and an inside post worked against him when he was well beaten behind Imperial Hint in the Vanderbilt, but he came back with all guns blazing to win the Forego on his next start. The Breeders' Cup Sprint often gets a crazy pace and when that happens you need a horse that stays a bit further than the six furlongs to win it. Well, here we have the ideal candidate; Mitole has won the Met Mile – he is a runner mixing speed and stamina.

Imperial Hint can be a bit in and out, Shancalot disappointed badly on his most recent start, and Roy H is by no means sure to be ready in time for this year's Breeders' Cup (he has not raced since January, due to a set back when he was sent to Dubai in March). Therefore, **Mitole is an absolute must bet**.

An each-way double with Bast at 9-2 and Mitole at 15-2 is another obvious bet. Both are best priced with Skybet.