

Globeform's Breeders' Cup Special

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BREEDERS' CUP TURF:

BRICKS AND MORTAR 7-1 (William Hill, 6-1 with others)

BREEDERS' CUP MILE:

UNI 12-1 (Coral, Ladbrokes, 10-1 others)

Trainer Chad Brown communicated to the Thoroughbred Daily News yesterday that he is now leaning towards running **Bricks and Mortar** in the Turf – though the horse will probably be cross entered, with the Mile as his alternative.

The Turf is my bet here, for several reasons. Bricks and Mortar is bred to stay 12 furlongs, and around Santa Anita stamina is not such an issue anyway. He has run to Globeform 124 twice in his career, and he is going for an unbeaten season. Bricks and Mortar has been sold to stand at stud in Japan, where the main focus of top racing lies over 12 furlongs plus, so his stallion value would increase markedly if he could add a G1 over 12 furlongs to his CV already showing top class for over 8, 9 and 10 furlongs. Such a win would also help his chances of becoming Horse of The Year. William Hill offer **7-1** about Bricks and Mortar for the Turf.

What about the opposition in the Turf? Enable has dropped out, Japan seems doubtful, Waldgeist and Sotssass – two classy 12-furlongs runners in France – have yet to be confirmed. The owner of Waldgeist appeared less than keen on Santa Anita after the horse won the Arc (Waldgeist seems to not travel well, and also note that his best piece of form came on heavy ground). Sotssass, on the other hands, could go for the Turf. He is owned by Peter Brant, one of Chad Brown's main men – but Brant has also said he would leave the decision to Jean-Claude Rouget, who trains Sotssass. Magical is set to run at Ascot on Saturday (on what will probably be very heavy ground) and coming back to run big at the Breeders' Cup two weeks later will not be easy. Anthony Van Dyck is a sub-standard Derby winner, and the one horse I would mention as a threat, is Godolphin's contender Old Persian, who has been laid out for the BC Turf for months – and had an ideal preparation.

So the BC Turf seems to be the right race for Bricks and Mortar. Sure, he has the speed and the class to win the BC Mile too, but that is a race where a bad draw can cause serious problems, it is a race where a win would not be as lucrative to his connections, and Chad Brown has the very smart mare **Uni** ready for that race (albeit in different ownership) and she has produced Globeform 120. She is a natural miler. Giving her weight and beating her might not be all that easy. Uni is currently trading at around **12-1**, which is way too big. She should be no bigger than 6-1, in my opinion, and if Bricks and Mortar goes for the Turf, well, then she should be no bigger than 4-1. We need to place a **90-1 double bet** here.

RECOMMENDED BETS

BRICKS AND MORTAR
UNI

7-1 B CUP TURF (William Hill)
12-1 B CUP MILE (Coral and Ladbrokes)

PLUS EACH-WAY DOUBLE ON THE TWO (6-1 and 12-1, Coral and Ladbrokes)

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