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Breeders' Cup Classic: Higher Power 16-1

Having recommended McKinzie as a very good bet at **5-1** a few days ago, it may seem a bit odd to put another horse up for the **Breeders' Cup Classic** already, but when William Hill offer as big as **16-1** about the horse that will probably be his toughest rival on Nov 2, well, then I have to take a bit of it. Not least since **Higher Power**, who produced his career best form last time out, runs against McKinzie in the Awesome Again at Santa Anita on Saturday.

McKinzie is still my clear number one for the B C Classic but the Awesome Again drew a field of just six runners (three of them are out of their depth) and it also became a field without much speed signed on. This means that Higher Power does have a chance of winning on Saturday. He raced in the first two throughout when beating Awesome Again rival **Draft Pick** by over five lengths in the Pacific Classic at del Mar in August, when another Awesome Again contender, **Mongolian Groom**, ran third.

At first glance it looked like it was a cheap Grade One win, but Higher Power actually ran a seriously strong race, and he was so much the best. He drew the rail for the Awesome Again – don't be surprised if his rider Flavien Prat sends him straight to the lead. Don't be surprised, either, if he gets a soft lead. McKinzie is of course capable of going with him, but will Baffert and Smith be interested in a speed duel – in the last prep before McKinzie's most important race ever? Probably not. None of the others have been on the lead in their previous races. The best of them is Seeking the Soul, who is a deep closer. So, not only should we keep an eye on Higher Power's odds on Saturday, we should also back him each-way at 16-1 for the Breeders' Cup Classic. If he wins the Awesome Again his odds will be more than halved, if he runs a close second to McKinzie his odds should also be down to single figures.

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