

## GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - SHARED BELIEF



**SHARED BELIEF** has won all of his six races and is the logical favorite for this year's BC Classic. Having performed to Globeform 125p at his best – when outclassing his opponents in the 10-furlong Pacific Classic (G1) at Del Mar – he returned GF 122p in his final prep, winning the Awesome Again Stakes (G1) here at Santa Anita in September. That was a race supposed to answer three questions, but actually gave us even more new knowledge about this talented gelding. Would he handle the dirt? Yes. Would he act well around the Santa Anita oval? Yes. Would he show stamina auguring well for the 10-furlong test on dirt in the Classic? Yes he would, and not just that, Shared Belief overcame a very wide and tough trip, caused by a rival floating him intentionally out, to win this contest. Another easy win was expected but this one was anything but.

Shared Belief had to dig deep to get past Fed Biz, who had enjoyed a plum trip hugging the rail all the way. Class told in the closing stages, and Shared Belief got up to win by a neck, with Footbridge 2 1/4 lengths further adrift in third place, followed by Majestic Harbor and Imperative. Shared Belief had a hard race, no doubt about that. Halfway through the home turn he looked like he would struggle to finish in the first three. Though the good thing was; we did learn that he can fight. Perhaps more importantly, he found out that he could fight.

Strolling from one easy win to another is not always a good way for a horse to prepare for the a championship race. Shared Belief needed to show grit, and he seemed to have plenty of it. That he ran to GF 122p indicates that he would have returned GF 125 at least with a normal, clean trip in the Awesome Again. Globeform ratings are expressed in pounds, and one length equals two pounds over this distance. It has been measured that Shared Belief covered about 60 feet more ground than Fed Biz. Considering these factors, we can assume he is capable of close to GF 130, which was also the impression he gave when gaining a comfortable 2 3/4-length win over Toast Of New York in the Pacific Classic (G1) back in August. In that contest, he quickened strongly to advance on the turn, then picked up even more speed to put the race to bed early in the straight.

Shared Belief will probably be very hard to beat in the Breeders' Cup Classic. ***Globeform 125p***

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