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OscarWatch: Best Actress predictions

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Earlier this week [I posted a clip](#) of Natalie Portman from *Black Swan*, a film that will certainly earn her a Best Actress nomination. The other front-runner in the race this year is obviously Annette Bening for her fierce turn as a red wine-loving mom in *The Kids Are All Right*. Beyond that, it's anyone's guess. How is the rest of the field looking at this point? Here's my current rundown:

BEST BETS

Annette Bening, *The Kids Are All Right*

Julianne Moore, *The Kids Are All Right*

Natalie Portman, *Black Swan*

POSSIBILITIES

Halle Berry, *Frankie & Alice*

Nicole Kidman, *Rabbit Hole*

Jennifer Lawrence, *Winter's Bone*

Lesley Manville, *Another Year*
Michelle Williams, *Blue Valentine*

LONG SHOTS

Anne Hathaway, *Love & Other Drugs*
Sally Hawkins, *Made in Dagenham*
Diane Lane, *Secretariat*
Gwyneth Paltrow, *Country Strong*
Naomi Watts, *Fair Game*

Who just missed making the cut? Tilda Swinton for *I Am Love* and Hilary Swank for *Conviction*. And I know that some of my Oscar prognosticator friends feel I'm overly bullish on Julianne Moore. What do you all think?
