



BOB SELVIN'S FAIR ODDS ANALYSIS AT SANTA ANITA for THURSDAY

COMMENTS: All numbers shown are official program numbers. Exotic plays are based on \$2 wagers except for trifectas which are designated. Morning line and projected odds are definitely considered in my handicapping.

PASSING RACES: When you see "**PASS or**" first, my suggestion is to **PASS** the race because I feel that race is either boring, valueless, is too complicated or has too many question marks. The play is up to you. When I suggest a play *first* and then indicate **or PASS**, my suggestion is to lean toward playing, but I'm obviously not crazy about or very interested in that race and it can easily be passed.

BEST PLAYS: Whenever possible and determined by the card, my Best Plays are hopefully *NOT* the most logical, high percentage races, but those that offer the best betting value.

PICK 3, PICK 4 OR PICK 5: I also do not play these horizontal wagers randomly, but judiciously. Sometimes I don't play them at all. I don't suggest these plays just so I can claim that I hit one the next day.

TOP CHOICES, CO-TOP CHOICES or RACES with NO TOP CHOICES: Top choices or co-top choices are win bets at fair odds or higher. If there are any scratches, you have to project a shorter price on one or both. No top choice means I feel an exacta play is more worthwhile. However, that shouldn't stop you from win betting if any overlays develop in the betting even if I don't have a top choice.

MORNING LINE UNDERLAYS: These are horses at 4/1 or less on the morning line who I think are underlays on the morning line and thus, do not represent good value in my estimation. Doesn't mean they can't win, but as I've tracked them, about 80% are third or worse. Identifying these underlays (bet againsts?) should be very helpful in your wagering strategy, especially trying to beat them in the *exacta*. Obviously, a late scratch of another horse in the same race could change the complexion of the race and can negate the status of an MLU.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF MY SEMINAR: I provide you with my own **FAIR BETTING ODDS** on my main contenders in a race. This game is based on **VALUE**. Comparing the actual track odds to my fair odds and deciding on a play means SOME JUDGMENT ON YOUR PART IS REQUIRED !! A winning player needs to be flexible. **OFTEN** my top choice(s) could be overbet well below my fair odds and my secondary contenders then could offer much better value. Don't hesitate to play a nice overlay or **PASS** races when my choices are being overbet! (Unfortunately, any **LATE**

SCRATCHES of contenders within a given race will make my fair odds INACCURATE.) Always remember... "if you don't get it, don't bet it."

**** There are many cases when my top pick gets overbet (well below my fair odds) OR sometimes I don't have a top pick (and just recommend exactas). In that case, you should wisely **DISREGARD** my overbet top pick or co-top choice and look for an overlay. If I don't make a pick in the race and just offer exactas, my top horses I'm using in the exacta are MANDATORY WIN BETS if they are 20% higher than my fair odds. Mandatory win bet on any horses that are about 50% (double) higher than my listed fair odds if I set odds for them in the race, even if they are NOT among my top picks. And there is nothing wrong with betting two horses to win in the same race. There are MANY examples of this that commonly happen, so pay attention!*

ALWAYS LET FAIR ODDS BE YOUR GUIDE: However, keep in mind that late scratches within the body of a race after you access this report can DRAMATICALLY change the complexion of the race AND also negate my fair odds, in particular if one of my contenders is scratched.

WHAT ARE FAIR ODDS ?: This is my assessment of a fair price on each contender. Fair odds mean exactly that. You are getting the odds you should be getting if you decide to bet. Below fair odds and the play is less worthwhile and less valuable. Any horse above fair odds should be looked at closely, especially if they are 10-20% higher. When they get 25% higher, I'm calling them very good bets (VGB) as a very generous overlay. ALL horses, even those I *don't select*, should be considered as a WIN play at 25% above fair odds by comparing the actual odds on the board to the odds on the far right column. It's that easy. My selections aren't as relevant when they go below fair odds and there is a very good bet contender or contenders in the race. When the crowd overbets a favorite, I want to be on top of the overlays that often creates. *Unfortunately, key scratches can negate my fair odds.*

TRIFECTAS PLAYS CAN BE MADE MORE AFFORDABLE: They can be turned into fractions of \$1 by purchasing .10 cent superfectas instead and including the horses in the third (or show) position in the four position as well. This also makes it more affordable for you to include horses you like.

WHAT SEPARATES MY PRODUCT FROM OTHER PURCHASABLE SO. CALIF. HANDICAPPING PRODUCTS AND THE EDGE YOU GET: My fair odds take the entire field into consideration, including non contenders, and normally balance out at 112%. I *purposely* do this to insure that my fair odds are OVERLAYS after factoring in the state takeout on win wagers which is 15.3%. Racetrack morning lines are normally made by adding 100% probability + 15.3% for takeout + 1% per horse for breakage. In other words, an eight-horse field should total about 124-125% when converting odds to

probability percentages. By considering my fair odds in your handicapping, or, better yet, the adjacent VGB odds, you should be getting at least a 10% edge or more. **At Santa Anita, don't be surprised at major discrepancies in the actual pari-mutuel odds vs. VGB odds, especially among the third, fourth and fifth odds choices. The Santa Anita morning line is balanced at 130%-134%...above reality... unlike at Del Mar.**

What other purchasable So. Calif. handicapping products put their balls on the line and offer BOTH their own BALANCED, fair odds line AND incisive notes, commentary, stats and workout tidbits from colleague clocker Andy Harrington's workout report?

RACES THAT HAVE A SHADED BACKGROUND: These are the races of most interest and hopefully present the best betting value on this particular card today. However, these are NOT Best Plays.

ABOUT THE SANTA ANITA MORNING LINE: The morning line at Santa Anita is balanced differently (higher) than at Del Mar. **Please read shaded paragraph above.**

DEMAND WIN: This is not offered to confuse you! It is offered to lead you to the *best value*. Suggested demand win fair odds means just that = demand the given suggested fair odds to make a win play. Some races there will be more than one win play. Others none at all. If two horses are both at suggested demand win odds, check the board for the one with better odds or bet them both to win or do not bet to win. *Some judgment on your part is required.*

REMINDER: This product purposely comes out LATE to incorporate whatever scratches and changes I find out about so that I can provide the best fair odds line I can (and write the copy that I do). It is not to inconvenience anyone.

***In order to expedite publishing FOA and hopefully make it available a little earlier, commentary may be limited depending on the race.**

"THE PRICE IS RIGHT" COMMENTS - - No Best Play. Two shaded races. Early Pick 5. Late Pick 3.

***** ATTENTION:** Most of the money comes in LATE. Due to frequent late odds changes, suggested demand win fair odds are ACCEPTABLE at two ticks lower than fair odds through 11/1. Example: suggested demand win fair odds 3/1...are ACCEPTABLE at 2/1. Suggested demand win fair odds of 12/1 or higher are ACCEPTABLE at three ticks lower than fair odds. Example: demand win fair odds of >12/1...are ACCEPTABLE at 9/1 and so forth. >> Thus, the term "ABOUT FAIR" is now used instead of just FAIR.

In cases where the top horses are close in odds, take the one that is the best price, bet both to win, or just play the exacta.

PICK FIVE (1-2-3-4-5)

\$4.00 2-7 w/ 1-3-4 w/ 1-6-7 w/ 1-3-4 w/ 3

\$2.50 2-7 w/ 1-3-4 w/ 1-6-7 w/ 1-3-4 w/ 5-7-8

\$1.50 2-7 w/ 1-3-4 w/ 1-6-7 w/ 1-3-4 w/ 1-4-9

1st – Demand win 4 LIL MILO >2/1 (8/5 is acceptable) and 7 PUSH THROUGH >5/1 (4/1 is acceptable); trifectas (three tickets) \$5 4-7 w/ 4-7 w/ 1-3-5-6; \$4 4-7 w/ 1-3-5-6 w/ 4-7; \$3 1-3-5-6 w/ 4-7 w/ 4-7

LIL MILO has been sprinting, but seems rateable and ready for this stretch out. Sprint figs project nicely to two turns. Like that his last BSF was his best yet and was accomplished on turf, a good sign. PUSH THROUGH is interested. On Nov. 18, 2017, last July 27, last Nov. 18...three occasions...he ran super coming off the bench fresh and does so today. Two races back on Nov 18, 'THROUGH broke his maiden from off the pace. Trainer Ed Freeman got greedy and brought him back in only seven days on Nov. 25 and 'THROUGH did run nearly as well on short rest. He's been off for more than seven weeks, but based on his "fresh" pattern, we should see a good race from him today.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	ACCLIMATE		9/2	6/1
3	SHAYMIN		10/1	13/1
4	LIL MILO		2/1	5/1
5	LUKE'S ON FIRE		8/1	10/1
6	JET SET RULER (MLU)		12/1	15/1
7	PUSH THROUGH		5/1	6/1

2nd -- Demand win 3 BRIOSO >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable); exacta box 3-4, 4-3; also play 3-1, 4-1 combos

BRIOSO drops in class, moves turf to dirt, route to sprint and gets Rosario for low profile barn. SERGIO has his problems based on the spacing of his races. But first off the claim trainer Steve Miyadi didn't wait that long to bring him back off the claim, something he really excels at (25% wins with that angle). Recent Jan. 29 drill at 6f on Jan. 29 was graded B by clocker Andy.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	VICTOR'S SHOW		9/2	6/1
2	IRISH BALLAD		8/1	10/1
3	BRIOSO		5/2	3/1
4	SERGIO	Boff	9/5	5/2
5	RAK CITY		6/1	8/1
6	EARLY JERSEY		17/1	21/1

ALWAYS DOUBLE CHECK THE COPY I WRITE WITH NUMBERS AGAINST PROGRAM NUMBERS:

*** It is your job and VERY IMPORTANT to ALWAYS DOUBLE CHECK my numbers below against the official program numbers. AND, make sure the copy (names of horses) jives with the numbers. I can't stress that enough. Occasional inadvertent mistakes or typos can and do occur.

3rd -- Demand win 1 BEYOND PLEASURE >6/1 (9/2 is acceptable) and 7 SEE THAT KAT >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable); exacta box 1-6-7; extra ticket(s) 7-1, 7-6

BEYOND PLEASURE has been sprinting rather evenly so Baltas thought it was time to give her a short at going two turns. Gets Rosario to ride her. SEE THAT KAT shortens up to a mile which could help. Two bang up B grade recent drills bring her up to this race. Prat stays on her instead of BEYOND PLEASURE. ETCHING is better than shown with a couple of gate issues last Apr. 22 and June 10 is going to try two turns on turf which may suit her.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	BEYOND PLEASURE		6/1	8/1
5	DAYBREAK		6/1	8/1
6	ETCHING	G	8/1	10/1

7	SEE THAT KAT		3/1	4/1
8	THE NINE O		4/1	5/1
9	CAT'S DESIRE		8/1	10/1

4th – PASS.

I would use this race as a “bridge” with maiden Equal Measure, Noble Contessa and Vegas Strong Baby on your horizontal tickets. `Measure has been claimed back to back with Hess training her now. He’s showing confidence in his purchase by trying her against starter allowance foes and not maidens. Pedigree is ripe for her to go two turns. Noble Contessa drops in class in this starter’s race and has figs good enough to win. Should be a forward factor. Vegas Strong Baby is the one to eat, but is too short a price at 9/5. Use 1-3-4.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	EQUAL MASSACRE		3/1	4/1
2	SUPER KLAUS		8/1	10/1
3	NOBLE CONTESSA		4/1	5/1
4	VEGAS STRONG BABY		3/1	4/1
5	SASS MACHINE (MLU)		7/1	9/1
6	SIERRA SUNRISE		5/1	6/1

5th -- Demand win 3 THE HUNTED >4/1 (3/1 is acceptable); no exactas

In an open allowance race, *improving* THE HUNTED gets the call and makes a key jock switch to Prat. The Unusual Heat gelding has worked super strongly out of his last race on Dec. 26 with recent B grade drills to complement his current back form. In what is a nice size field, THE HUNTED has good tactical speed to stay out of trouble. I’m going to play the Pick 5 and make main play on THE HUNTED, but spread as well and even use an entrant who is a non contender.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	SNAZZY DRESSER		15/1	19/1
3	THE HUNTED		4/1	5/1
5	OSCAR DOMINGUEZ		5/2	3/1
7	AVALANCHE		5/1	6/1
8	SHAKY ALIBI		3/1	4/1
9	TROJAN SPIRIT		15/1	19/1

IMPORTANT NOTE: I realize that you are paying for this seminar to get educated selections. However, I can't control how the public bets them. And the crowd in So. Calif. loves to pound and overbet favorites. Demand win odds = at or greater than >

Any selections that I have made that are bet below my fair odds more than two ticks should be **NEGATED** in favor of any 25% or higher overlays on my other contenders that I have assigned fair odds to. Or you may consider betting my top selection(s) and/or any 25% overlays. Pay attention. The crowd often makes mistakes! Some **JUDGMENT** on YOUR PART is **REQUIRED!**

I will try to point these out in the archived recaps "How We Did in Recent Past Days" whenever possible.

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PICK THREE (6-7-8)

\$4 2-4-6 w/ 4-8 w/ 1-3-5-10

6th – Demand win 4 MO SEE CAL >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable); exactas 4-1, 4-2, 4-6, 2-4, 6-4

MO SEE CAL was off two months coming into her Jan. 11 race and ran a big second considering she was 3 ¼ lengths clear of third horse. She's been the most consistent of these. 'CAL shows what kind of \$25,000 claim she was by Miller with running first or second in the five subsequent races he's placed her in. And today is the same condition as her last race, two other than maiden or claiming. **SECRET SPICE** blew away a first condition allowance field on Oct. 7 (only six other rivals though) as if she wore wings. However, that race came off a layoff and she needed *another layoff* after that big win. Moreover, she's had only four workouts that we know of since Oct. 7 (starting Jan. 5). Maybe like Push Through in the (1st), she's another type that needs a wide spread of days between races. It's likely that **SECRET SAUCE** is going to be very competitive if not win the race. It's not likely she equates to the 106 BSF she earned winning last Oct. 7. Lightly raced **BASHFUL** has won both of her starts from behind. She certainly could be the beneficiary of a hot pace that should make her potent stretch kick even more potent. You need to use those three in your horizontals... 2-4-7 and possibly consider 1 Starr of Quality.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	STARR OF QUALITY		6/1	8/1

2	SECRET SAUCE		8/5	2/1
3	FOOL'S PARADISE		15/1	19/1
4	MO SEE CAL		3/1	4/1
6	BASHFUL		4/1	5/1
7	JAZAALAH		17/1	21/1

7th -- Demand win 4 GENTLE PRINCE >6/1 (9/2 is acceptable) and 8 ALL I CAN SAY >4/1 (3/1 is acceptable); no exactas

The two favorites Roaring Fork and Builder did not impress in their common race on Jan. 26, even though winner Original Intent won by four lengths. I'll try to beat them with either GENTLE PRINCE or ALL I CAN SAY. 'PRINCE has been racing against much better company up north as opposed to this restricted nw-2 \$12,500 claimer. 'PRINCE did not belong in that Jan. 19 race down the hill. He was 95/1. The race seems like nothing more than a prep for this drop down. Not that three of the four times 'PRINCE finished in money he was racing on dirt and, as previously mentioned, against much better stock earlier at TuP and more recently at GG. 'SAY is another drop down who has been racing against better. Another who looks to prefer dirt. Ran well here over the SA main track last fall.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	JUNE TWO FOUR	Boff	8/1	10/1
3	ROARING FORK		3/1	4/1
4	GENTLE PRINCE		6/1	8/1
5	BUILDER		5/2	3/1
6	COUNT HU (MLU)		7/1	9/1
8	ALL I CAN SAY		4/1	5/1

8th – 1 LIL SYDNEY and 10 SEVEN OXEN co-top choice win bets; exactas 1-3, 1-5, 1-10, 10-1, 10-3, 10-5

With five of ten entrants first or second starters, no fair odds. LIL SYDNEY trained well up to her debut and ran evenly much of the way. It should serve as a prep for this stretch out today with new blinkers on and a rider switch to Prat. Look for her to be much closer to the pace today, if not the actual leader. SEVEN OXEN is a notable class dropper and shortens up back to one mile. He isn't that much but this field isn't much.

BET THE OVERLAYS!

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	LIL SYDNEY	Bon		
3	BLAME IT ON KITTY			
5	LEADER OF MEN	G		

8	INDY JONES		
10	SEVEN OXEN		
11	CRYIN' CHUCK	Bon	