



## **BOB SELVIN'S FAIR ODDS ANALYSIS AT SANTA ANITA for FRIDAY**

**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.**

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**FRIDAY RECAP. . . . .**

**I had no Best Plays, but two shaded races. I didn't play any of the horizontals. It was a poor, nothing of a card loaded with small fields. I passed one of the eight races.**

**In the other seven:**

**1<sup>st</sup>) \$5.00 top winner was too short at 3/2. The 1-4 exacta paid \$12.40.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>) Shaded winner Mongolian Student paid \$6.00. Longshot Come on Kat was also a win bet.**

**3<sup>rd</sup>) \$4.20 winner Award It was too short to bet to win. Empress of Lov was also a win bet.**

**5<sup>th</sup>) The power of fair odds and for paying attention. Forestation was not a selection but those seeking big overlays were rewarded with one at \$43.60....off my 10/1 Fair Odds.**

**6<sup>th</sup>) Winner Red King paid \$7.40 with a win bet also on Wilshire Dude.**

**"THE PRICE IS RIGHT" COMMENTS - - Looks like 53 horses in the eight race card. Small fields the rule. No Best Plays. Two shaded races. No horizontals.**

**\*\*\* 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.***

**1st – Demand win 1 RUNNINGWSCISSORS >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable) and 4 LEAD STAR >4/1 (3/1 is acceptable); exactas 1-4, 1-5, 4-1, 4-5**

**It's questionable if RUNNINGWSCISSORS will stay 7 furlongs, but he's only got four rivals to beat. Last out, he was dueling the entire way in a game second at the \$25,000 level. He drops a notch here and would be the clear pace setter. He may be 9/5 on the program and 9/5 my acceptable fair odds and I would insist on that price. LEAD STAR drops from better allowance company and moves route to sprint and turf to dirt. Strong win angles for trainer Keith Desormeaux.**

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	RUNNINGWSCISSORS		5/2	3/1
2	STAY IN YO LANE		7/2	9/2
3	IRISH POLO		5/1	6/1
4	LEAD STAR		4/1	5/1
5	GLEYBER		3/1	4/1

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Demand win 5 MONGOLIAN WINDOW >2/1 (8/5 is acceptable) and 6 COME ON KAT >7/1 (5/1 is acceptable); exacta box 5-6-7; also play 5-2, 6-2, 7-2**

**MONGLIAN WINDOW drops down out of a fast mile race in which she was part of a fast early pace. If Figueroa can turn her down, she could wire this field. Either of his previous two races would win this. Fig on board for weight break. COME ON KAT has been sprinting on the dirt. She did run once on grass last August, but it was a meaningless 5f on turf. Pedigree is fine for two turns on grass and the sprints she's been running should place her up front. SPEAKERS is in with a chance second off the claim by sharp Andrew Lerner.**

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	QUINNIE		12/1	15/1
2	WIND TARTARE		5/1	6/1
3	SUBIC BAY		5/1	6/1
5	MONGOLIAN WINDOW		2/1	5/2
6	COME ON KAT		7/1	9/1
7	SPEAKERS		5/1	6/1

**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.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Demand win 1 EMPRESS OF LOV >9/2 (7/2 is acceptable) and 4 AWARD IT >2/1 (8/5 is acceptable); no exactas**

**EMPRESS OF LOV has a good record over the SA main track....made her living over it, in fact. However, the trainers she has run for have not tried her going two turns. With a notch of sprints under her belt, Lerner gives her that chance along with a jock switch to hot riding Tiago Pereira, who is having a banner meet. AWARD IT drops down and is definitely one to beat. She's third start into her form cycle and gets a weight break with Cerin opting to use A. Espinosa.**

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	EMPRESS OF LOV		9/2	6/1
3	ROAD TEST		7/2	9/2
4	AWARD IT		2/1	5/2
5	IPRAY		7/1	9/1
6	MAJESTIC DIVA		3/1	4/1

**4<sup>th</sup> -- Demand win 4 SMOOVIE >9/2 (7/2 is acceptable); exactas 4-2, 4-3, 4-8, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4, 3-4**

**The morning line price of SMOOVIE is tempting at 8/1 so that's where the win bet goes at an acceptable price as low as 7/2. The Square Eddie filly got a good prep under her belt and looks like in this spot. Has been training very smartly up to her Jan. 10 comeback and out of it since. STORMING LADY is first off claim by sharp Alfred Marquez. She's got speed but there is other speed drawn in this race (Magical Gray and Tivat). `LADY might be faster and better considering the races she came out of. But conversely, it's also somewhat suspicious why Callaghan dropped her in for maiden \$50,000 on Dec. 29. KY import PERSEPOLIS looks too short at 3/1. Her only race was months back last April, a race in which she was favored in and a race that produced three next out winners. So whatever issue**

PERSEPOLIS had, it was enough to keep her from racing. Her workout pattern is straight and solid and Mandella's stable jock Prat is aboard. My take on this is that she could be in for a prep.

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	MELA JONES		10/1	13/1
2	MAGICAL GRAY		5/2	3/1
3	PERSEPOLIS (MLU)		6/1	8/1
4	SMOOVIE		9/2	6/1
7	FICANAS		12/1	15/1
8	STORMING LADY		5/2	3/1

5<sup>th</sup> -- No exactas. Exactas 2-4, 2-5, 4-2, 4-5; extra ticket(s) 2-4, 4-2

OCCAM'S RAZOR trained like a nice prospect prior to his 2-year-old successful winning debut last June 3 and then either needed time off or O'Neill knew what he had and just wanted to let him grow up. He resumed training in early October and has posted 14 workouts leading up to this. Certainly enough to have him fit with the most recent a B, B+ and B, according to National Turf clocker Andy Harrington. Meanwhile, LIEUTENANT DAN ran a wild through a VERY good field of Cal-bred maidens to blow way his rivals with a big fig as well. He's without question the horse to beat, and of course will go off at short odds.

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	FORESTATION		10/1	13/1
2	OCCAM'S RAZOR		9/2	6/1
3	SAYIN GRACE		8/1	10/1
4	LIEUTENANT DAN		6/5	3/2
5	OUR SILVER OAK		5/2	3/1

**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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**6<sup>th</sup> – Demand win 2 RED KING >7/2 (5/2 is acceptable) and 3 WILSHIRE DUDE >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable); exactas 2-3, 2-4, 2-8, 3-2, 3-4, 3-8**

With scratch of Offshore, who would have been a solid favorite, this race opens up. RED KING isn't big on winning, but he's been close a few times and has received minor awards. Last win was in Dec., 2017. However, he's really training nicely now for Cerin with a couple of recent B grade drills. The speed factor goes to hard knocker WILSHIRE DUDE, who should have the pace in his favor. Question is how he's going to run on grass. He's tried it twice. Once in his GP debut way back in July 2017 and then back in June 2018 before he was shipped here. So he hasn't been on the course. Spawr calling the shots.

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	RED KING		7/2	9/2
3	WILSHIRE DUDE		3/1	4/1
4	ICE KAT		5/1	6/1
6	ENCUMBERED (MLU)		6/1	8/1
7	VAN CORTLANDT		8/1	10/1
8	FALCONE		9/2	6/1

**7<sup>th</sup> -- Demand win 4 EDWARDS GOING LEFT >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable); no exactas**

With probably the exception of Full of Luck, any of the other five entrants can win. I'm going to give EDWARDS GOING LEFT another chance with the new blinkers and rider switch to Rosario. He's not quick enough to duel with Ax Man, Calexman or Spokane Eagle....but those three could set it up for 'LEFT, who loves this track and is 6-2-2-2 at this 7 furlong distance. He's shown the ability to pass horses and that's the position I see him getting.

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	FULL OF LUCK		12/1	15/1
2	AX MAN		3/1	4/1
3	CALEXMAN		5/1	6/1



5	EDWARDS GOING LEFT		5/2	3/1
6	SHIVERMETIMBERS		7/1	9/1
6	SPOKANE EAGLE		4/1	5/1

8<sup>th</sup> – PASS.

Ten entered with five contenders headed by Brix and Mobou. Going to sit this one out.

**BET THE OVERLAYS!**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	POSTERIZE		8/1	10/1
2	SEA OF LIBERTY		6/1	8/1
4	SCRAPPY DEVILLE		12/1	15/1
5	BRIX		5/2	3/1
10	MOBOU		8/5	2/1