



BOB SELVIN'S FAIR ODDS ANALYSIS AT SANTA ANITA (SA) 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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"THE PRICE IS RIGHT" BET THE OVERLAYS COMMENTS - - Looks like a parade, a short parade I might add, of basically first and second choices. One Best Play. Two shaded races. No horizontal wagers.

***** 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 6 ELGOFRANCO >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable); exacta box 5-7, 6-5

Seven go with four contenders. CASSIE THE BELLE has been a bridesmaid so far...hard trying sort but without a win. Short field and Prat remaining on board helps things, for sure. Good drill on Oct. 11 leading up to this race. ELGOFRANCO has been running up the starts without a win likewise to 'BELLE. However, ELGOFRANCO has more speed. She exits a live race flattered by Althea Gibson coming back to win. She's had three good B- works and should have the pace to herself.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	ENVY		4/1	5/1
2	SPANISH CHANNEL		6/1	8/1
5	CASSIE THE BELLE		7/5	9/5
6	ELGOFRANCO		5/2	3/1

2nd – Demand win 4 LITTLE MISS ELLIE >6/5 (4/5 looks acceptable); better is using 'ELLIE as a single rather than odds on win play. If you want to play within the race, a 1-4, 4-1 exacta box is called for.

Five go with four contenders. LITTLE MISS ELLIE is no Ferrari, but she's been second or third in all three of her races thus far and they were good efforts. Difference today is switch to Prat and the added trip to extra 6 ½ furlongs should help based on her style. Her three races are over the others. Looks like a single to me. CAPITAL HEAT is the next stop dropping back down to maiden \$50,000. Gets blinkers on and light weight promising apprentice Pyfer has the mount.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	CAPITAL HEAT	Bon	7/2	9/2
2	JAN JAN CAN		4/1	5/1
4	LITTLE MISS ELLIE		6/5	3/2
5	RICKIE NINE TOE'S		7/2	9/2

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 - 5 THAT COREY on top, exactas 4-5, 5-4, 5-8, 8-5, 5-9, 9-5; also 9 GATES OF HEAVEN at least a saver win bet as well.

No fair odds as field is loaded with first or second starters. First timer THAT COREY is bred for speed and has a series of workouts leading up to this race capped by the most recent three with very positive notes from clocker Andy Harrington. LIL NAS showed good early speed in his debut and has a right to improve, especially with Pratt back on. THE CHOSEN VRON has a couple of good and a couple of not so good workouts leading up to her debut. Has a speed pedigree, so will leave in. Longshot GATES OF HEAVEN has two sharp, improved, recent drills on Oct. 3 and on Oct. 10. Can't throw this January foal out as may be improving.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
4	LIL NAS			
5	THAT COREY			
7	BY MOONLIGHT			
8	THE CHOSE VRON			
9	GATES OF HEAVEN			

4th -- Demand win 6 FLYING BUSINESS >8/5 (7/5 is acceptable); no exactas

Favorite **FLYING BUSINESS** drops down into a straight three-year-old only \$20,000 claimer with a whole host of previous races against mixed older company of 3 & ups. It's a big drop along with a switch to Prat and blinkers on. Let's not forget, 'BUSINESS is first time off the claim from Sept. 4. Outside draw in post six is also a plus.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	HEART RIVER		4/1	5/1
2	SHERLINDA	Bon	9/2	6/1
3	DEHYDRATION		9/2	6/1
4	BILLY K		15/1	19/1
5	DON'T STOP LOOKIN		13/1	16/1
6	FLYING BUSINESS	Bon	8/5	2/1

5th -- Demand win 1 TAPWATER >7/2 (5/2 is acceptable) and 6 QUICK >9/2 (7/2 is acceptable); exactas 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-5

TAPWATER has always been promising but has been tough to campaign. For the first time, she's putting with today, THREE races in a row, so she's third off the layoff. She also has the rail draw (20 ft) and good speed in a race with only one other speed, She's Our Charm. In a sense today, it looks like connections really like TAPWATER in that they have kept her around since July, 2018 instead of sending her to be bred. QUICK switches distances by shortening up to a flat mile whereas she was racing at longer trips in her last two outings. Rispoli gets back on,

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	TAPWATER		7/2	9/2
2	OUT OF BALANCE		17/1	21/1
3	HEATHERS GREY		7/1	9/1
4	GYPSY SPIRIT		3/1	4/1
5	SHE'S OUR CHARM		5/2	3/1
6	QUICK		9/2	6/1

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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6th – Demand win 6 SECRET TOUCH >2/1 (8/5 is acceptable); exactas 2-6, 6-2, 5-6, 6-5

Win type SECRET TOUCH was sharp and has the style to win this. He's first off the claim by Glatt, who gave him about seven weeks before bringing him back in this spot. He should get a perfect trip. He's worked well with his two most recent drills on Oct. 2 and Oct. 10 given B grades. Rispoli remains on board, who won two races off him. CONQUEST COBRA gets the large weight break for this coming off a good win for \$20,000 on Sept. 27. BOLD ENDEAVOR may try to steal this. At times, he was used on the pace. Don't know about today.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	TRUTH SEEKER		7/1	9/1
2	CONQUEST COBRA		3/1	4/1
3	JUSTIN'S QUEST		7/2	9/2
4	DEBT MANAGER		17/1	21/1
5	BOLD ENDEAVOR		6/1	8/1
6	SECRET TOUCH		2/1	5/2

7th – (BEST PLAY) Demand win 2 MICRORITHMS; exactas 2-3, 3-2, 2-5, 5-2.

MICRO is going for his fourth straight win and he's also won at SA. The colt looks like he's going to dominate the pace once again. He's eligible to this race by entering for \$62,500. Baffert handling him nicely. PYRON is a shipper from KY. Since then, he did get a win at DMR in his first try in So. Calif. He's had a bit of time off and looks ready to roll now with a consecutive work pattern. He could be getting a stalking trip. SURFING STAR has good figures and needed his last race of a LONG layoff. Still ran well and had to have got something from the race. He'll be another who should be stalking.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	KNEEDEEPINSNOW		7/1	9/1

2	MICRORITHMS		6/5	3/2
3	PYRON		6/1	8/1
5	SURFING STAR		6/1	8/1
6	CALIFORNIA STREET		13/1	16/1
7	CHAMPAGNEONME		10/1	13/1

8th -- Demand win 8 ROCKIE CAUSEWAY >6/5 (4/5 is acceptable); exactas 8-5, 8-6, 5-8

ROCKIE CAUSEWAY is fourth start outand has run well all three previous times. Looks like her turn today with new blinkers on. Prat, though, apparently takes off 'CAUSEWAY and gets on CHEERFUL CHARM, the second choice in the race. It's certainly not at all apparent why some jocks jump off one horse to get on a different one. 'CAUSEWAY has been a short priced flop so far, but in her last two outings, she was facing 12 horses. Today, she's running against eight. And with the blinkers, she should be faster earlier.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	KETCHUP		13/1	16/1
4	NEW HEAT		10/1	13/1
5	CHEERFULCHARM		6/1	8/1
6	ROSE'S CRYSTAL		3/1	4/1
7	SLEW'S SCREEN STAR		12/1	15/1
8	ROCKIE CAUSEWAY	Bon	6/5	3/2