



BOB SELVIN'S FAIR ODDS ANALYSIS AT SANTA ANITA (SA) for SATURDAY

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" BET THE OVERLAYS COMMENTS - - No Best Plays. 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 2 BIG STORY >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable); exactas 2-1, 2-3, 2-7, 1-2, 1-6.

Small field even so contentious with some of these running back from the last race they were in. BIG STORY got a good prep and comes back routing with Rispoli back in the saddle with blinkers off, a positive sign. STARS OF BLUEGRASS is a filly taking on the boys and has been competitive. BLUE STAR exits the Ingest win of which three of these others coming out of. He's had a second sprint prep to indicate his readiness.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	STARS OF BLUEGRASS (filly)		4/1	5/1
2	BIG STORY	Boff	5/2	3/1
3	BLUE STAR		4/1	5/1
4	J C EXPRESS		8/1	10/1
6	DISCRETIONARY DAY		9/1	11/1
7	WARRENS CANDY MAN		6/1	8/1

2nd – Demand win 6 CAL'S GEM >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable, win place okay), no exactas.

CAL'S GEM drops down into a maiden claimer for the first time, a positive sign. He's run three time for his comeback with a decent run at PLN followed by a Inconsequential effort two turning on grass. He's turning down today to dirt sprint, which he appears he wants.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
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1	STARSHIP CHEWBACCA		2/1	5/2
2	PAUL L		10/1	13/1
3	ME MACHO		7/2	9/2
5	CRANKIN		5/1	6/1
6	CAL'S GEM		5/2	3/1

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 6 LAVENDER >7/5 (even money is acceptable); exactas 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 2-6, 3-6; extra ticket(s) on 2-6, 6-2 combination.

Improving LAVENDER has come a long way improving. She now puts in a good late rally. She moved up in class for today's race and has shown she likes the SA turf course. Note that the entire six field shows no pace except perhaps for SHANGHAI TRUFFLES.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	SHANGHAI TRUFFLES		7/2	9/2
2	SOLITAIRE		6/1	8/1
3	SOOTHING		3/1	4/1
5	MESO		12/1	15/1
6	LAVENDER		7/5	8/5

4th – No demand win bet. 1 SEPTEMBER SECRET is a better single than demand win bet. If you must play the exacta, use 1-2, 1-3 combos.

She has only four rivals to beat. Looks ready to handle this with just a small field.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET

1	SEPTEMBER SECRET		1/1	7/5
2	RIGHTEOUSLY	Boff	9/2	6/1
3	EXCHANGE VOWS		5/1	6/1
4	>> SCRATCH <<			
5	MUCHA WOMAN (MLU)		6/1	8/1
6	DANCING DANA		7/1	9/1

5th – Demand win 2 DANCEFORMOMMY >6/1 (9/2 is acceptable) and 6 A THOUSAND DREAMS >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable). Exacta box 3-6-7.

DANCEFORMOMMY was unlucky to lose in last and in a couple of prior. Needs clear run. Worked well with four nice drills since last troubled race. A THOUSAND DREAMS will come from far back, but fits in this \$25,000 spot. SUMMER GIRL takes another class drop where she should fit.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	Y NOT SIZZLE		8/1	10/1
2	DANCEFORMOMMY		6/1	8/1
3	INVINCABELLA		10/1	13/1
6	A THOUSAND DREAMS		5/2	3/1
7	MARIAH GIRL		5/1	6/1
8	BELLA FIGURE		5/1	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 – PASS.

Looks like four of the five below are legit contenders all close up in price.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	SUMMER FUN		3/1	4/1
5	STREET BEHAVIOR		7/2	9/2
6	HAPI HAPI		5/2	3/1
7	VEGAS MOON		9/2	6/1
8	GONE AWOL		15/1	19/1

7th -- Demand win 5 COLD FICTION >4/1 (3/1 is acceptable) and 10 COMBAT ZONE >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable). Play either to win or more than one for the other.

COLD FICTION gets looks good after his first three starts. Blinker go on despite coming off a win...unusual. COMBAT ZONE needed last and can go for low level cheap ones because they only bought him for \$25,000.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	GREGTAR		12/1	15/1
4	KRIS' WILD KAT		6/1	8/1
5	COLT FICTION	Bon	4/1	5/1
7	FACTORIAL		6/1	8/1
8	ANTITHETICAL		9/2	6/1
10	COMBAT ZONE		3/1	4/1

8th – Demand win 7 SUZIE QZZ BROTHER > 7/5 (1/1 is acceptable) . Exactas 7-1, 7-2, 7-4.

No Fair Odds for this one with mostly first or second starters in this group. Another short price, this time the best of which looks to be SUZIE QZZ BROTHER. I hope you'll all shoot up when Colco handles up.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	ALPINE THUNDER		7/2	
2	TETON VALLEY		5/1	
4	CARELESS KITTEN		10/1	

5	MOVING FAST		12/1
7	SUZIE QZZ BROTHER		7/5

9th – Demand win 5 WARREN’S SNOWTIME >9/5 (3/2 is acceptable); exactas 5-1, 5-6, 5-7, 1-5, 6-5, 7-5

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	MIND OUT		9/2	6/1
3	NASTY		6/1	8/1
4	GUITTY		8/1	10/1
5	WARREN’S SNOWTIME		9/5	5/2
6	GOING TO VEGAS	Boff	8/1	10/1
7	CROUGHAVOUKE		4/1	5/1

10th –No Fair Odds for this race with more than half either first time or second time starters. 2 SAVING SOPHIE on top, exactas 2-5, 2-6, 2-7 with smaller three turn around.

2 SAVING SOPHIE looks a standout dropping down to maiden \$25,000. She has been a bit of a bridesmaid by losing four times as a first or second starter. But she’s been off since Aug. 7, which could mean she as matured and ready to win. The 6 1/2 looks ideal coupled with the drop.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	SAVING SOPHIE			
3	BAILATINO			
4	MAGICAL SMILE			
5	SAVE THE STORY	Bon		
6	PRINCESS TALE			
8	MISS MOZART			