



BOB SELVIN'S FAIR ODDS ANALYSIS AT DEL MAR (DMR) 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.**

"THE PRICE IS RIGHT" BET THE OVERLAYS COMMENTS - - One Best Play. Two shaded races. Late Pick 4.

***** 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 3 I BELONG TO BECKY >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable); exactas 3-2, 3-5, 3-6, 6-3.

I BELONG TO BECKY has needed to space out his races, including his one two back in which he virtually wired a field for \$16,000 off about a three-month layoff. Trainer Bill Spawr got that highly rated win from him on Aug. 23, showing that he can win fresh. Spawr drops him back down to \$16,000 level today. `BECKY has worked slowly but consistently over a track he likes. He looms the main contender in a close call over Littlebitamedal and SHORT OF EZ with the latter an exacta turnaround.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|---|-------------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | PROOF IT (MLU) | | 7/1 | 9/1 |
| 2 | LITTLEBITAMEDAL | | 3/1 | 4/1 |
| 3 | I BELONG TO BECKY | | 3/1 | 4/1 |
| 4 | COSTA NOSTRA | | 15/1 | 19/1 |
| 5 | J T's A.T.M. | | 13/1 | 16/1 |
| 6 | SHORT OF EZ | | 7/2 | 9/2 |

2nd –(BEST PLAY) Demand win 5 CHAOS THEORY >9/5 (3/2 is acceptable, possible single); no exactas

With Mr Vargas and Mikes Tiznow and possibly Tilted Towers making the running, the race pace looks surely to be fast early and set it up for CHAOS THEORY, who has a stalking style and a good post to do his thing from. All four of his races this year have been solid and spaced around for freshness. Example: `THEORY's last outing was in the Gr 2 Woodford Reserve, which was about seven weeks ago.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|---|-------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | TEXAS WEDGE | | 3/1 | 4/1 |

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|---|---------------|--|------|------|
| 2 | OVERDUE | | 7/1 | 9/1 |
| 3 | MR VARGAS | | 13/1 | 16/1 |
| 4 | MIKES TIZNOW | | 9/2 | 6/1 |
| 5 | CHAOS THEORY | | 9/5 | 5/2 |
| 6 | TILTED TOWERS | | 6/1 | 8/1 |

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 4 ZESTFUL >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable), no exactas.

Five horse field. Help keep me awake. Hopefully, that will be ZESTFUL, a useful gelding who can run on all three surfaces and is in for the \$62,500 tag because he likes to win races and went for other conditions previously. Win bet only. Not interested in the exacta.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|---|---------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | UNBROKEN STAR | | 9/2 | 6/1 |
| 2 | THE STIFF | | 6/1 | 8/1 |
| 3 | POTANTICO | | 9/2 | 6/1 |
| 4 | ZESTFUL | | 5/2 | 3/1 |
| 5 | KING OF SPEED | | 2/1 | 5/2 |
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4th -- Demand win 1 BRISTOL BAYOU >9/5 (3/2 is acceptable); exacta box 1-2-7; extra ticket(s) 1-2, 2-1, 1-7, 7-1

BRISTOL BAYOU drops out of straight maiden races to maiden \$50,000 trying to win after ten tries. Espinosa remains on board. COVER VERSION needed her race two back, a turf sprint, then came back with a fine effort on Oct. 11 at this maiden \$50,000 level. She is third start into her form cycle today. LET'S GO NOW is a morning line underlay because of her race on July 26 at Woodbine, only her second try. I normally throw these out but think that 'GO NOW could run better than her

odds because of her last performance line. Sharp connections remain in place for a horse they paid only \$25,000 for.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|---|--------------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | BRISTOL BAYOU | | 9/5 | 5/2 |
| 2 | COVER VERSION | | 3/1 | 4/1 |
| 3 | STARSHIP SKY | | 8/1 | 10/1 |
| 5 | UNBREAKABLE | | 6/1 | 8/1 |
| 6 | SHE LOVES KARAOKE | | 12/1 | 15/1 |
| 7 | LET'S GO NOW (MLU) | | 8/1 | 10/1 |

PICK FOUR (5-6-7-8)

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

5th – Demand 4 R CHA CHA >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable); exacta box 4-1, 4-5, 5-1, 5-4

R CHA CHA has been sprinting and running evenly and doesn't show a recent two turn dirt outing. Thus, this is a different spot for 'CHA and an interesting one since his recent sprints should put him up on the lead or near it. Trainer Papa using the 7 lb bug Alexis Centeno on board. LITTLE NO WAY looks like one to beat. His two turn dirt race two races back for restricted \$12,500 nw -3 is good enough to win this if he can repeat that effort.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|---|-------------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | IN THE DEEP | | 7/2 | 9/2 |
| 2 | WRITE ME A SONG | | 8/1 | 10/1 |
| 4 | R CHA CHA | | 3/1 | 4/1 |
| 5 | LITTLE NO WAY | | 5/2 | 3/1 |
| 6 | CEDAR RAPIDS | | 13/1 | 16/1 |
| 8 | VODKA TWIST (MLU) | | 9/1 | 11/1 |

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.

On a race like this, I normally would be salivating. Nice size field. Very competitive among the entrants. A case can be made for all and maybe even one or two that aren't below. Can't separate them with Fly to Mars going to be a shorter price on the morning line than he is going into the race. In other words, win or lose, I've got 'Mars at 2/1, although he might wind up at 5/2 whereas he's 7/2 on the actual morning line. There are four others at 7/2, 5/1, 6/1 and 5/1 on my Fair Odds. It's that tough. Occasionally, it's better to punt than try a Hail Mary. Two next out winners come out of the Oct. 11 turf sprint that Fly to Mars exits. He's better going a mile and stretch back out here. Just thinking that 'Mary being put in for \$20,000 seems quite suspicious since he's also wearing front bandages.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|---|------------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | RUSTIC CANYON | | 7/2 | 9/2 |
| 2 | TROPICAL TERROR | | 5/1 | 6/1 |
| 3 | SEA OF LIBERTY | | 6/1 | 8/1 |
| 4 | HANDSOME CAT | | 5/1 | 6/1 |
| 5 | FIRST PREZ (MLU) | | 9/1 | 11/1 |
| 6 | FLY TO MARS | | 2/1 | 5/2 |

7th – 2 BRILLIANT CUT on top, exactas 2-1, 2-8, 2-9, 1-2, 1-8, 1-9

With five first or second starters entered, no fair odds for the race. BRILLIANT CUT, after two turf sprints, trainer Dan Black drops him into a maiden \$50,000 for dirt and there's nothing wrong with placing a Speightstown in a dirt race. He's also got the experience. CHEVELITA is a second starter who ran the same day (Oct. 12) in a difference race than 'CUT. CHEVELITA stumbled a bit at start and ran evenly thereafter in a race that produced two next out winners. Miller looks like he's got CHEVELITA pumped up with four solid works since that Oct. 12 race, the last of which was a bullet 3f blowout from the gate. Good to see because CHEVELITA has to win from the rail draw. Yellow Dress, Purda Vita, Royal Blend and longshot Hatshepsut are up for consideration as well as the aforementioned others.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|----|---------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | CHEVELITA | | | |
| 2 | BRILLIANT CUT | | | |
| 3 | YELLOW DRESS | | | |
| 8 | PURDA VITA | | | |
| 9 | ROYAL BLEND | | | |
| 10 | HATSHEPSUT | | | |

8th – 4 GORDY'S BOY and 5 THELUTEISMINE co-top choice win bets. Exacta box 3-4-5.

Entire race is made from first or second starters, so no fair odds. THAT COREY got a good prep under his belt and remains on a strong work tab both before his debut on Oct. 16 and after with three more solid drills according to Andy. Second starter will be hard to rundown. THELUTEISMINE ran a straight even mile in getting a race under his belt on Sept. 26 with some trouble to boot. He's another who has waited for DMR and so far looks well spotted turning back to a sprint and Prat taking the mount. Longshot GORDY'S BOY is an interesting possibility. Had a big trouble line on dirt Sept. 5. Recently, 'BOY has really picked it up in the a.m. with B and B+ works. 'BOY is bred for turf and is trained by Alexis Barba, who years back was the late, great trainer Eddie Gregson's assistant. I know this because Eddie Gregson was our trainer back in those days. In any event, GORDY'S BOY is worth considering.

| # | HORSE | E/L/G | ABOUT FAIR | VERY GOOD BET |
|----|----------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | CROSSWORD | | | |
| 3 | THAT COREY | | | |
| 4 | GORDY'S BOY | | | |
| 5 | THELUTEISMINE | | | |
| 8 | GABBY HAYES | | | |
| 10 | LAUREN SQUARED | | | |