



BOB SELVIN'S FAIR ODDS ANALYSIS AT DEL MAR (DMR) 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. One Pick 3 sequence.

***** 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 5 MYSTERY MESSENGER >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable); exactas 5-2, 5-3, 5-4; little less reverse 2-5, 3-5, 4-5.

When Fair Odds spews out 3/1 on 9/5 favorite, it's time to look elsewhere over Blackout, who does take a "healthy" class drop and will be well bet due to connections. MYSTERY MESSENGER has at least two pacesetters (HIT THE SEAM and MR. LOVEJOY) to set it up for a stalking rally. Note the last time MYSTERY MESSENGER was off a longish layoff, and that was on Oct. 11, he came back to the vet for some reason. But he came back two weeks later to work just fine plus two other morning outings. Like that 'MESSENGER dropped a notch off the vet scratch.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	BLACKOUT		3/1	4/1
2	HIT THE SEAM		7/2	9/2
3	PORTRANDO		7/1	9/1
4	MR. LOVEJOY		5/1	6/1
5	MYSTERY MESSENGER		5/2	3/1
6	ANNIE'S BOY		17/1	21/1

2nd -- Exacta box 3-4, 4-3, press 4-3 combo

Ho hum. I'll take a ROYAL SHIP / MIDCOURT exacta box or PASS. ROYAL SHIP goes back to dirt....the surface he has been training on in the morning...Santa Anita and now Del Mar....and he has been scintiallting. MIDCOURT is the obvious heavy favorite and won this race (Native Diver) here last year. In fact, Extra Hope was second to MIDCOURT here last year in same race. I think this year, ROYAL SHIP subplants Extra Hope.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
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1	COMBATANT		8/1	10/1
2	STELLAR SOUND	filly	8/1	10/1
3	ROYALSHIP		7/2	9/2
4	MIDCOURT		6/5	3/2
5	EXTRA HOPE		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 – Demand win 6 MISS FRAULEIN >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable); exactas 6-1, 6-5, 6-7, 7-1, 7-5, 7-6

MISS FRAULEIN showed well under Miller's care, but then was claimed by Ellis, who brings her back on the \$32,000 level. Hot riding Abel Cedillo takes the mount. Good post position from outside whereas the other speed is drawn inside the others. TROUVILLE, off since Sept. 25, returns for one notch lower than she was in for on Sept. 25. TROUVILLE has all the make of a late running sprinter (won two of last three in that position) and is worth using on top as well even though she's off the layoff. Those two of three wins were TROUVILLE's best two races (72 BSF).

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	NO COVER CHARGE		3/1	4/1
2	CANADIAN GINGER		12/1	15/1
4	FLYING BUSINESS		6/1	8/1
5	ZELAIA		6/1	8/1
6	MISS FRAULEIN		5/2	3/1
7	TROUVILLE		7/2	9/2

4th – No demand win play. Exactas 6-1, 6-3, 6-5, smallerish 1-6, 3-6, 5-6.

KERSHAW drops in for a tag to \$50,000 after three straight runner-up efforts at the two other than maiden or claiming allowance levels. He's now qualified for that level and ran well in all three. D'Amato sees fit to drop him where he seems

dominating considering the company he's been keeping. And no surprise, he's been working well up to this race. I'm including win type POPULAR KID as an exacta turnaround. He looks outgunned, but he loves to win races and was claimed by Miller. BOLD ENDEAVOR came out of his win for \$32,000 on Oct. 16 in great fashion looking "full of run" in his Nov. 11 drill. He's a must use.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	CHAMPAGNEONME		5/1	6/1
3	POPULAR KID		3/1	4/1
4	MONGOLIAN LEGEND		20/1	25/1
5	BOLD ENDEAVOR		4/1	5/1
6	KERSHAW		2/1	5/2
7	HE'S THE REASON		14/1	18/1

5th -- Demand win 4 MAC DADDY TOO >8/5 (7/5 is acceptable, possible single).

MAC DADDY TOO's issue is if he can go one mile instead of the three sprints he was sprinting in. Apparently trainer Doug O'Neill thinks so. 'DADDY appears to have really good speed and will likely try to wire this field. Endless Sunset and By Moonlight, both with troubled trips, are next in line if you're playing the Pick bets. I'm just going to stick to the win bet with 'DADDY and use as a single Pick bet.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	ENDLESS SUNSET		5/1	6/1
3	EL JOY		10/1	13/1
4	MAC DADDY TOO		8/5	2/1
5	LABOR UNION	G	7/1	9/1
6	BY MOONLIGHT		4/1	5/1
8	MARCONIS		17/1	21/1

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 – 2 RHYTHM AND GRACE and 6 EXOTIC WEST co-top choice win bets. No exactas.

Too many first or second starters for this race. No fair odds. RHYTHM AND GRACE and EXOTIC WEST are the two first time starters to look for...trying to beat Leia Marie and Peachtree Road. `GRACE is out of the Shirreffs barn, who does win with first time starters, but not all that often. Based on her workouts, this looks like a "go" especially from a daughter of Distorted Humor, a good first out sire. `WEST has a solid work tab, including a :46.1hg bullet best of morning on Sept. 12 at Los Al and a :47hg bullet best of the morning on Nov. 13 at SA. Looking for one or the other.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	LEIA MARIE			
2	RHYTHM AND GRACE			
4	MAMIE VAN D			
5	EMPIRE HOUSE			
6	EXOTIC WEST			
7	PEACHTREE ROAD			

PICK THREE (7-8-9)

\$4 2-3-6-8 w/ 2-4-6-7 w/ 1-4-9

7th – Demand win 2 HARTEL >7/2 (5/2 is acceptable) and 8 CAERULEAN >7/2 (5/2 is acceptable); exactas 2-3, 2-5, 2-6, 2-8, 6-2, 8-2

Comebacker HARTEL left for a layoff in mid-November although he looked to be "getting good" for his last two races at that time. And he could have been claimed, as Miller had put him in for a tag. Note that Miller isn't bringing back HARTEL for a claiming price, a positive sign. And Prat takes over the mount. CAERULEAN is getting better race by race. He has speed and draws perfectly outside. He's another coming off the bench but has a sharp work tab leading up to this return. CUNNING MUNNINGS, another comebacker, *looks like a live longshot.*

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	KRIS' WILD KAT		6/1	8/1
2	HARTEL		7/2	9/2
3	JOHNNY PODRES		7/2	9/2
5	COMBAT ZONE		6/1	8/1
6	CUNNING MUNNINGS		7/1	9/1
8	CAERULEAN		7/2	9/2

8th – Demand win 4 LIL RICHARDS BELLO >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable) and 6 SHOULD BE ILLEGAL >7/1 (5/1 is acceptable); exactas 4-3, 4-6, 4-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7; also play 7-4, 7-6

LIL RICHARDS BELLO hasn't run a bad one in four tries and seems to be getting better. He's got good speed and ran well over this track. SHOULD BE ILLEGAL is just forward with his figures and now switches from Tapeta to Del Mar's main track. Capable trainer Steve Sherman is calling the shots. BRACE FOR IMPACT could easily win this race based on previous figs. But what shape is he in due to several gaps in his form? SQUARE ROOT may or may not be able to stick around. His two races thus far are question marks. I'll throw him in the exacta.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	CHIPPER		5/1	6/1
3	BRACE FOR IMPACT		3/1	4/1
4	LIL RICHARDS BELLO		3/1	4/1
5	SCARY FAST SMILE		9/1	11/1
6	SHOULD BE ILLEGAL		7/1	9/1
7	SQUARE ROOT		7/1	9/1

9th – Demand win 1 JUSTIN'S QUEST >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable), exactas 1-4, 1-5, 1-8, 1-9; 4-1, 5-1, 8-1, 9-1; extra tickets 1-4, 1-9

JUSTIN'S QUEST is second off the layoff for Baltas and is taking his first shot at turf racing, a surface he is supposed to like. The horses next to him do not have any speed. 'QUEST has a turn of it (some speed) and that should really help get Rispoliu a good, clear run into the first turn. JUSTIN'S QUEST had two turf workouts and look fine in both of them. WORTHY TURK and COLOSI are the other main uses if you're playing the Pick gets.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT	VERY GOOD
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			FAIR	BET
1	JUSTIN'S QUEST		3/1	4/1
3	ACKER		5/1	6/1
4	WORTHY TURK		7/2	9/2
5	GOLDEN DOUGHNUT		12/1	15/1
8	FRENCH GETAWAY		6/1	8/1
9	COLOSI		8/1	10/1