



## **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 - -**

**\*\*\* 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 BIG FLINT >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable) and 8 CIRCLEOFCHAMPIONS >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable). Exacta box 3-7-8**

BIG FLINT made an impression in his debut with a big finish in the final 3/16 and a big gallop out. He's worked steadily since and adds Lasix like many of these newly turned 3-year-olds can do now. Love the turf breeding out of BIG FLINT as well. Overcame a rough trip to boot as well. CIRCLEOFCHAMPIONS is another that had a troubled trip in debut on Nov. 14. That was the race that five came out of that race and most had at least some trouble. DISCRETIONARY DAY, one of the favorites, is worth using as well with Mike Smith returning on board.

All using Lasix except Whiskey Vision.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	BLUE STAR	Bon	7/2	9/2
3	BIG FLINT		5/2	3/1
4	BIG TALKER	G	10/1	13/1
7	DISCRETIONARY DAY		3/1	4/1
8	CIRCLEOFCHAMPIONS	Boff	7/1	9/1

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Exactas 5-2, 5-6, 5-7, 7-2, 7-5, 7-6**

Seven horse field and looking it over, I'll stick to the exactas and no win bet, which would be VANGOGO and ENRICHED BY DEB. Instead, I'll use those two on top with three underneath. Throw out VANGOGO's grass race. She moved into the Jonathan Wong barn who got a four-length win from VANGOGO and she's coming back for more today. ENRICHED BY DEB got a freshener after a few good races. Sounds like she needed a brief bit of time off. She has speed and draws outside. Run this race down and you will see very little speed to deal with...pluses for VANGOGO and ENRICHED BY DEB, so it's a good spot for both. Pastito might be able to pick up the pieces. He once was an interesting sort but he's move down the ladder. He's simply too big a price at 15/1.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	PASITO		9/1	11/1
3	YOU WANNA EAT RIP		10/1	13/1
4	FULL ECLIPSE		9/1	11/1
5	VANGOGO		2/1	5/2
6	PLUM WILD		9/2	6/1
7	ENRICHED BY DEB		3/1	4/1

**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> - 10 THAT COREY on top, exactas 10-3, 10-6, 6-3, 6-10**

**With five of the ten entrants first or second starters, no Fair Odds. All using Lasix except Careless Kitten, Big Frank Da Tank and THAT COREY at this time. Going to go with THAT COREY who has two sprints to a route coming up. He's been a beaten favorite turf sprinting. Tries two turns today. HAIL FREEDOM and Gordy's Boy fill out the exacta.**

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	BUKAYO			
3	GORDY'S BOY			
5	J C EXPRESS			
6	HAIL FREEDOM			
9	BIG FRANK DA TANK			
10	THAT COREY			

**4<sup>th</sup> -- Demand 5 AGREETODISAGREE >4/1 (3/1 is acceptable) and 8 PEACHTREE ROAD >2/1 (8/5 is acceptable); exactas 5-2, 5-3, 5-8, 8-2, 8-3, 8-5**

'AGREE got a sprint prep on Nov. 7 and had some trouble. Continues to work well and looks set for the stretch out. PEACHTREE ROAD also had a similar prep and is another who should be set and Mike Smith is back up. These young, light raced horses can improve very quickly.

All entrants using Lasix.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	SWEETEST ANGEL	Bon	6/1	8/1
2	LUNATIC		9/2	6/1
3	MORAZ		6/1	8/1
5	AGREETODISAGREE		4/1	5/1
7	WHISTLER'S STYLE		13/1	16/1
8	PEACHTREE ROAD		2/1	5/2

5<sup>th</sup> – Demand win 7 SUPERMAN SHAQ >9/5 (3/2 is acceptable); exactas 7-1, 7-3, 7-6, 6-7

All entrants except TETON VALLEY are using Lasix. The latter has a few B+ workouts coming up to this race. He's tried five times to break maiden thus far. Has had a break in Oct. to now. Just wonder what the story is with TETON VALLEY because of that sterling work tab and no Lasix. SUPERMAN SHAQ shipping in from CD for Miller gets the nod and underneath him goes 7-1, 7-3, 7-6, 6-7 in the exacta.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	TETON VALLEY		12/1	15/1
2	MINSKY		8/1	10/1
3	WINDY CITY RED		9/2	6/1
5	>> EXHALING <<		3/1	
6	GATOR SHINING		7/2	9/2
7	SUPERMAN SHAQ		9/5	3/2

**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 8 SYBIL’S KITTY >3/1 (2/1 is acceptable); exactas 8-3, 8-6 8-9, 9-8**

This race looks most between SYBIL’S KITTY and WANDERING PATROL, so using them in the exacta using `KITTY more on top. `KITTY goes for the red hot Kristin Mulhall and likes this track. In fact, both of `KITTY’s wins have been on SA main track. WANDERING PATROL might have a class edge, but hasn’t fired in recent races. So this big class drop looks appropriate.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	>> SCRATCHED <<		7/2	
3	ROLINGA		7/2	9/2
6	SHERILINDA		8/1	10/1
7	BILLY K (MLU)		8/1	10/1
8	SYBIL’S KITTY		3/1	4/1
9	WANDERING PATROL		5/2	7/2

**7<sup>th</sup> – No demand win play as my two best now (without late scratch Frontier Market) are MURAD KHAN and SALVATOR MUNDI. Exactas 2-3, 2-5, 2-10, 3-2, 3-5, 3-10**

`KHAN can race up stalking where he usual is. Worked super for this according to Andy. He also likes this track and is third start into his cycle. `MUNDI has been consistent and only hasn’t fired once since June 21....four good races and one that was at 1 ¼ miles...perhaps too long.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	>> SCRATCHED <<		7/2	
2	MURAD KHAN		2/1	5/2
3	SALVATOR MUNDI		8/5	2/1
5	BORDER TOWN		5/1	6/1
8	OUR SILVER OAK		12/1	15/1

10	FIVESTAR LYNCH		7/1	9/1
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8<sup>th</sup> -- Demand win 5 UNBROKEN STAR >9/2 (7/2 is acceptable) and 8 PUBILIUS SYRUS >5/2 (9/5 is acceptable) ; no demand win bets

UNBROKEN STAR doesn't look that appealing, but Rosario takes the mount. If you noticed, 'STAR comes out of that two other than claiming bunch. So this is a drop today into \$40,000. Works have been sharp. PUBILIUS SYRUS has worked into form and was a Cerin re-claim, always a positive sign. Both of these have run well over the SA turf course.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
1	ZESTFUL		5/2	3/1
2	>> SCRATCHED <<		7/2	
4	TRUTH SEEKER		6/1	8/1
5	UNBROKEN STAR		9/2	6/1
7	SYNTHESIS		12/1	15/1
8	PUBILIUS SYRUS		5/2	3/1

9<sup>th</sup> - Demand win 2 FORAY >6/1 (9/2 is acceptable ) and 7 FLY TO MARKS >2/1 (8/5 is acceptable). No demand win bets. Five contenders.

FORAY was once plenty good enough in 2019, showing high speed in some races. He's coming back from a long layoff, but taking a big drop in class. He's definitely be on or near the lead. FLY TO MARKS is back with Prat on board. Note that three of 'MARS wins came aboard 'MARS and such is the case today. Looks like a short price.

#	HORSE	E/L/G	ABOUT FAIR	VERY GOOD BET
2	FORAY		6/1	8/1
4	SLY		6/1	8/1
6	WORTHY TURK		6/1	8/1
7	FLY TO MARKS		2/1	5/2
10	SOUTHERN KING		7/1	9/1