

# **The Wizard's Spotlight Play**

**December 20, 2008**

**Fair Grounds, Race 3**

**Fair Grounds, Race 3, \$44,000, maiden special weight, 3-4-5 yos, fillies & mares, state-breds, six furlongs, dirt.**

**TENSAS FLATT** makes her second career start for top trainer Troy Young. In her debut, she opened up at 4-5 odds based on her excellent pedigree and the fact that she won a training race 27 days earlier at Evangeline Downs. Tensas Flatt eventually drifted up to 2-1 as the second choice in the wagering. She broke from post one in a large field of 11 runners over a sealed sloppy surface. Tensas Flatt was slammed hard leaving the gate, quickly finding herself in seventh position. She made a move on the far turn along the rail and continued willingly through the stretch. Her third-place finish was better than it looks on paper, especially if you consider that she was also victimized by a strong speed bias.

Trainer Young wins at a miraculous 46% with horses making their second career start. Her main rival, College Bound Kate, who breaks from post one, received a Beyer figure 11 points higher than Tensas Flatt, when the two met on Nov 28. With that big a spread in numbers, it is likely College Bound could end up the favorite. Tensas Flatt has much more upside and, with a cleaner break, she will be on or near the lead, in contrast to College Bound who is a deep closer.