

# The Wizard's Spotlight Play

January 10, 2009

## Fair Grounds, Race 2

### **Race 2: \$29,000 Claiming (Claiming Price \$35,000), 4yos and up, 6 furlongs, dirt**

Trainer Bret Calhoun has 2 horses entered and both figure to take money. The horse I prefer is **Snuck By**. He has been a gem of consistency, as evidenced by 14 career wins in 37 starts, with 7 seconds and 4 third place finishes. Snuck By's best game is to go right to the front and play "catch me if you can". He has shown that he can throw down a blazing 1<sup>st</sup> quarter which usually buries the chasers, and can finish up in very fast time, which puts the closers at a tactical disadvantage. In Snuck By's last race, a stakes race at Retama, he was beaten  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length by Seneca Summer who would be favored in here.

On Saturday, Snuck By will drop down to a \$35,000 claimer. It's a realistic move because it appears unlikely that a trainer would reach in and take him as a 6 year old gelding. Snuck By is reunited with Eddie Martin who has ridden him twice, and both times he was victorious aboard him. In addition, Calhoun has had an excellent Fair Ground meet.

With a clean break from the gate, Snuck By should wire this field and give him his 17<sup>th</sup> win here.