

The Wizard's Spotlight Play

November 22, 2008

Fair Grounds, Race 3

Race 3: \$44,000 Maiden Special Weight, fillies & mares, 3-5yos, state-bred, one mile, dirt

Excellent horseman Wesley Hawley appears to have **Like No Other** in a good spot to break her maiden in her third career start. She made her debut Aug. 15 at Evangeline Downs. The result was a disappointing sixth-place finish in a slow race. Following that effort, Like No Other was switched to the high-percentage trainer Hawley. She resurfaced nearly two months later at Louisiana Downs. Like No Other ran a much improved third, showing more early speed. Sent off at 5-2 odds, it was clear from the betting, that she was well-meant.

On Saturday Hawley stretches her out to a mile around two turns. In analyzing her pedigree (Montbrook-Torrent, by Unbridled), she is much better bred for a route than a sprint. Like No Other is a half to four multiple route winners, from five offspring. Two of those have won more than \$100,000 indicating that there is quality in her pedigree. What is also important to note, is that she is a homebred, like the four winners mentioned above. Hawley makes a positive rider change to John Jacinto, who wins with 21 % of his mounts for this barn.

Since her last start, Like No Other has worked three times at the Fair Grounds, with each one showing improved speed. Her last work, 5 furlongs in 1:01 was the third fastest of 83 horses who worked that distance. Like No Other has a good target to run at in the rail horse Holy Kamoli, who figures to shoot to the front from post one. Like No Other is expected to stalk and pounce on the far turn. If she can take the lead in the stretch, Like No Other should be difficult to run down.