

The Wizard's Spotlight Play

November 15, 2008

Fair Grounds, Race 3

Race 3: \$44,000 Maiden Special Weight, fillies, state-bred, 5 1/2 furlongs, dirt

All too Solid ships into the Fair Grounds off a strong third-place finish in her career debut at Santa Anita. She switches to dirt after chasing a strong pace going 6 1/2 furlongs over the very tough downhill grass course and made up three lengths in the final 1/8th of a mile in a race that finished up fast for that level.

All too Solid is a homebred (bred in Louisiana), whose dam has produced several quality dirt sprinters. Even her sire, El Corredor, was a top class middle distance dirt horse. Based on the breeding and the fact that she can earn additional state-bred money, it was clear that All too Solid was "prepped" in her debut for this spot.

Trainer Eric Guillot has had success in the past for these owner/breeders. He goes to jockey James Graham, who has ridden for Guillot only twice but scored with a longshot not long ago. All too Solid had an excellent four-furlong workout on Nov. 9 over this track, which was the fourth-fastest of 85 horses that worked the distance that morning.