

Wickedly Perfect All the Way in Alcibiades

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Wickedly Perfect and Rafael Bejarano are on cruise control in the Darley Alcibiades.

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too, leading six rivals through splits of :24.48, :50.19, and 1:15.95. Second choice [Wonderlandbynight](#), the Arlington-Washington Lassie (gr. III) winner from Sept. 11, chased the leader under E. T. Baird, while [Dos Lunas](#) and [Jordy Y](#) were also up close.

Wickedly Perfect cut the corner sharply and hit the top of the stretch with a comfortable 1 1/2-length advantage. She repelled a challenge from Jordy Y in mid-stretch, hitting the wire in front with room to spare. [Harlan's Ruby](#) and Julien Leparoux closed late to nose Jordy Y for second. Wonderlandbynight was fourth.

O'Neill confirmed after the race that Wickedly Perfect will be pointed toward the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I) Nov. 5 at Churchill Downs.

"She's always trained like a filly that wanted to run long," O'Neill said. "That's why we put blinkers on her in her first start. She's shown amazing speed in all her races, but she's always acted like a filly that would want a distance of ground. Churchill Downs here we come.

"Doug did such a great training job," Bejarano said. "She was relaxed in the first quarter; she was so relaxed I knew she could do anything in the race. I think she's going to be tough (in the BC Juvenile Fillies). She won't have to be on the lead next time."

The winner was purchased for \$70,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s April sale of 2-year-olds in training. Bred in Florida by Y-Lo Racing Stables, she is out of the Tactical Cat mare Wickedly Wise. She has now earned \$404,600.

Wickedly Perfect paid \$5, \$3.20, and \$2.40. The exacta (6-2) returned \$24.60 and the trifecta (6-2-3) was \$68.20.

Forest Legend was fifth, followed by Dos Lunas, and Brushfirefairytale.

One race earlier in the \$175,000 [Phoenix Stakes](#) (gr. III) ([VIDEO](#)), lightly-raced 3-year-old [Wise Dan](#) defeated older horses in his impressive stakes debut, running down favored [Hollywood Hit](#) inside the sixteenth-pole to win by a half-length.

California shipper [Wickedly Perfect](#) carried her good form to Kentucky, taking a field of juvenile fillies wire-to-wire to score the \$400,000 [Darley Alcibiades](#) Stakes (gr. I) ([VIDEO](#)) by two lengths Oct. 8 on opening day at Keeneland.

Rafael Bejarano, who swept both stakes at Keeneland, guided the daughter of [Congrats](#) to her second graded victory in the 1 1/16-mile Alcibiades. They covered the distance on Polytrack in 1:46.26 as the 3-2 favorite. Doug O'Neill trains Wickedly Perfect for STD Racing, Rafter JR Ranch, and Peter Moehrke.

The gray/roan filly entered the Alcibiades off a runner-up finish in the grade I Darley Debutante Sept. 4 at Del Mar. She won both starts prior to that, including the Sorrento Stakes (gr. III), which was also on Del Mar's Polytrack.

Bejarano had ridden Wickedly Perfect in her previous three starts and wasted no time asking her to do what she does best—run on the front end. They got away with easy fractions