

A Wickedly Good Ride for Y-Lo Racing...

Y-Lo Racing Stables, the 10-year-old breeding and racing partnership of Yvonne Cordova (the Y) and Lolita Raquiza (the Lo), scored one for the little guys last night at September. The longtime friends sat with members of their Florida-based team as [hip 136](#), a filly by Candy Ride (Arg)--Wickedly Wise named Wicked Ride, brought \$535,000. Florida horseman Tom McCrocklin signed the ticket for owners Robert and Lawana Low. The gray was consigned by Will Farish's Lane's End. The transaction is notable because the Y-Lo purchased the filly's dam Wickedly Wise (Tactical Cat) for just \$23,000 back in 2006, and from the mare has already bred Grade I winner Wickedly Perfect (Congrats) and the Grade II-placed Ash Zee (Exchange Rate).



The Y-Lo team: Alex Chavez, Lolita Raquiza, Yvonne Cordova and Alli Foil DVM *Lucas Marquardt*

"She's being our biggest coup," Cordova smiled when talking about the 10-year-old mare Wickedly Wise. "She wasn't very expensive, and she's turned into our best producer."

Cordova and Raquiza, who are residents of California, but who operate both breeding and breaking and training operations in Florida, found Wickedly Wise at the 2006 OBS October Sale.

"She was a leggy, big mare with good conformation, and we figured, being in foal to Exchange Rate, we'd at least get our money back," explained Raquiza.

That they did, after selling the resulting foal, Ash Zee, to White Church for \$100,000 as a KEENOV weanling. Zayat Stables purchased the filly a year later for \$375,000 at FTKJUL, and for that operation



Wickedly Perfect *Horsephotos*

Ash Zee ran second in the GII Indiana Oaks last year, on Oct. 2.

If that was a sterling result for Cordova and Raquiza, it would only get better. And in less than a week. On Oct. 8, Wickedly Wise's then 2-year-old daughter, the filly Wickedly Perfect, won the GI Darley Alcibiades S. at Keeneland. Wickedly Perfect was later retired after selling to Japanese interests for \$800,000 at Keeneland January, but had done enough to set the bar high for this filly.

"We knew she was nice--we thought she was nicer than Wickedly Perfect--so are expectations were high but reasonable," said Cordova. "But we're really happy with the results."

Added Raquiza, "We hope she'll be successful for Candy Ride, but there's a lot of her mother in her. She really stamps her babies. Their heads are all the same, their bodies are all the same. They're just beautiful foals."

Wickedly Wise did not produce a foal this year, and is back in foal to Smart Strike. Y-Lo has roughly 15 mares split between their 110-acre breeding farm in McIntosh, Florida, and in California, and also have some mares in Kentucky. They also co-own the 43-acre Oak Ridge Equine Center in Morriston, Florida. Raquiza, the managing partner of Y-Lo, retired from a career as a nurse administrator in 2004 to devote all her time to the racing business, while Cordova is an entertainment insurance specialist in California. *-Lucas Marquardt*

MONDAY'S TOP FILLIES

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
116	Unbridled's Song	Silvery Swan	1,000,000
<i>B-Betz Thoroughbreds/Needham/Liberation Farm/Hill 'n' Dale (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Whisper Hill Farm			
140	Tapit	Zealous Cat	725,000
<i>B-Winchell T'breds LLC & Gainesway T'breds (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XX Purchased by Besilu Stables			
127	Curlin	Tears I Cry	700,000
<i>B-Ron Gilbert & Highgrove Stud (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Brookdale Sales, agent for Highgrove Stud Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds Inc			
186	Distorted Humor	Lady Lochinvar	600,000
<i>B-Mr & Mrs Larry D Williams & WinStar Farm (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Elm Tree Farm LLC (Mr & Mrs Jody Huckabay), Agent V Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds Inc			
136	Candy Ride (Arg)	Wickedly Wise	535,000
<i>B-Y-Lo Racing Stables (Ky)</i>			
Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by Robert & Lawana Low			

