

Darley Alcibiades headlines opening of Keeneland FallStars meeting

The traditional marquee race for opening day of the Keeneland fall meeting again looks to serve as a traditional prep for the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) as the \$400,000 Darley Alcibiades (G1) attracted a well-matched field of seven up-and-comers.



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Headlining the group are two Grade 3 winners on Polytrack, Wickedly Perfect and Wonderlandbynight.

The latter won the Arlington-Washington Lassie Stakes (G3) while the former captured the Sorrento Stakes (G3). Wonderlandbynight is the field's lone multiple stakes winner, having also won the Ontario Debutante.

WICKEDLY PERFECT

Wickedly Perfect enters off a second-place finish in the Darley Debutante (G1)—her first career defeat. However, the first- and third-place finishers in that race, Tell a Kelly and Rigoletta, respectively, came back to finish second and first, respectively, in the Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) on Sunday.

No horse in the race has won going two turns on Polytrack, but those looking for sharp two-turn form could look toward maiden winners Harlan's Ruby or Forest Legend. The former won a maiden race at Saratoga going 1 1/6 miles on the turf and the latter won a maiden

race at Ellis going one mile on the turf. Dos Lunas won sprinting on the turf but is stakes placed around two turns on the turf.

Wayne Catalano will saddle Jordy Y, who finished second to Wonderlandbynight in the Arlington-Washington Lassie. Catalano finished second in this race last year with eventual champion She Be Wild before she went on to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Maiden winners Poof Too and Brushfirefairytale complete the field going 1 1/6 miles.

The Alcibiades is part of a ten-race card that kicks off the Lexington's track's FallStars weekend. The supporting feature is the \$175,000 Phoenix Stakes (G3) at six furlongs for horses three years old and older.—*Ed DeRosa*

Darley Alcibiades S. (G1)

October 8, \$400,000, f, 2yo, 1 1/6m, Keeneland Race Course, 5:20 PM EDT

P	Horse	Sire	Jockey	Wt.	Trainer
1.	Poof Too	Distorted Humor so	Patrick Husbands	118	Mark R. Frostad
2.	Harlan's Ruby	Harlan's Holiday so	Julien R. Leparoux	118	Kenneth G. McPeck
3.	Jordy Y	Congrats so	Junior Alvarado	118	Wayne M. Catalano
4.	Wonderlandbynight	Sky Mesa so	E. T. Baird	118	Michael L. Reavis
5.	Brushfirefairytale	Najran so	Leandro R. Goncalves	118	Vernon D. Coyle
6.	Wickedly Perfect	Congrats so	Rafael Bejarano	118	Doug F. O'Neill
7.	Forest Legend	Forest Camp so	Frederic Lenclud	118	Vicki Oliver
8.	Dos Lunas	Hennessy	Jon Kenton Court	118	John Glenney