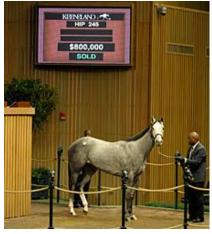




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Wickedly Perfect Brings \$800,000 at Keeneland

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Wickedly Perfect, hip 245, sells for \$800,000.

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Wickedly Perfect, winner of the Darley Alcibiades Stakes (gr. I) at Keeneland in 2010, returned to Keeneland and brought \$800,000 during the opening session of the January horses of all ages sale in Lexington. The 3-year-old daughter of Congrats made a mid-afternoon appearance in the auction ring Jan. 10 and became the most expensive horse sold at the sale so far, eclipsing the \$625,000 brought by 2009 Alcibiades winner and Canadian champion Negligee earlier in the day,.

Naohiro Hosoda, acting on behalf of Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm in Japan, signed the sale ticket for Wickedly Perfect, who was offered as a racing or broodmare prospect. A bone chip in a knee ended Wickedly Perfect's 2010 campaign following her Alcibiades triumph in October and the gray or roan filly had to undergo surgery.

"There are quite a few nice looking fillies, and I think yes (she was our pick of the sale)," Hosoda said.

"I think so, but she seems to be OK," Hosoda replied, when asked if Wickedly Perfect would be sent to the breeding shed without racing again.

Robert Clay's Three Chimneys Sales, agent, consigned Wickedly Perfect.

"It (the price) was about what we expected," said Case Clay, the president of Three Chimneys Farm. "She was a grade I winner at 2 and she has a beautiful profile and a great outlook. We were very happy with that. She probably would have brought more three years ago, but I think we've all got to get to the point where we stop thinking about 2007 and start thinking about 2011 and building it (the auction business) back up."

"It's always a thrill to sell horses to Northern Farm," Clay added, "and we wish them the best of luck with her."

Wickedly Perfect won three of her four races last year and earned \$404,600. In addition to her victory in the Alcibiades, her efforts included a triumph in the Sorrento Stakes (gr. III) and a runner-up finish in the Darley Debutante Stakes (gr. I) at Del Mar.

Doug O'Neill trained Wickedly Perfect for STD Racing Stable, Peter Moehrke, and Rafter JR Ranch. Produced from the Tactical Catmare Wickedly Wise, the filly was bred in Kentucky by Y-Lo Racing Stables.

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