

## ORCHIDACEAE BACK-TO-BACK WINNER YESTERDAY AT LEOPARDSTOWN GROUP 3 IN DUBLIN IS NEXT IN LINE FOR THIS JUVENILE CHURCHILL FILLY



*Orchidaceae repulses challenge of her two main market rivals, including the 3 to 1 joint favorite and runner-up, to triumph by a clear 2-length margin yesterday in Dublin, Ireland at Leopardstown Racecourse going 7 furlongs.*

Orchidaceae yesterday at Leopardstown in downtown Dublin made it two in row for the partnership of Team Valor International and Andy Oliver when winning a conditions race that last season was won by subsequent TVI acquisition Sea Singer.

Breaking for a second consecutive time like a Quarter Horse, the daughter of many-times Champion runner Churchill eliminated any negative aspect of having to begin outside all 12 of her rivals by coming out of the Iron Monster half a length to the good of her nearest rival.

Billy Lee had her in front with her ears pricked by a daylight margin, but kept the bay miss well off the rail until he neared the first bend, where he eased her over to continue on his pace-making way. The filly set the tempo on a rocking-horse lead.

As the filly met the rising ground at the top of the lane, Lee said she “hit a flat spot” so he reached down and picked up the filly, as he looked for an increase in tempo. It was the first time in her 3-race career a jockey had asked the question and the answer was emphatic.

Orchidaceae found a second gear, put even more daylight between herself and her nearest rival and her victory was never in doubt. With about a furlong remaining, she was at least 3 lengths clear. The runner-up, which was making her first start for Gary Barber and Eclipse, mounted what appeared to be a potentially serious challenge, but she was unable to land a blow.

As the 3 to 1 joint favorite with the runner-up, the winner led home her two rivals in the market in what was a very formful race. The winner, stepping up a furlong in trip to seven-eighths of a mile after her victory last time out at The Curragh, relished the added ground. [LINK](#)



*Racing Post* Analysis and comments:

**ORCHIDACEAE** > followed up her win over 6f at the Curragh and relished the extra furlong if anything. Billy Lee got her across quite quickly from her outside draw to make most of the running and when he quickened it at the top of the straight none of her rivals could land a blow. She is a smart filly clearly and is well worth stepping up to stakes level with. The fact that she was having a good blow after the race suggests that there could be more to come.

**Deo Vero** > possibly ran a shade above the form of her Roscommon win, finishing a little further clear of the third than she had previously. She looked briefly like running on into a challenging position, but she was unable to and it just seemed a case of being beaten by a better filly. This trip seems to suit her.

**Green Triangle** > had been caught late by Deo Vero at Roscommon, and perhaps it was a little disappointing that he was beaten further here on 7lb better terms. He had a decent position but could make little impression inside the last.

**Runninsonofagun** > , a quite speedily bred son of Inns Of Court, looks like he could have a future. He raced just behind the leaders and he kept going to good effect. He should improve for this.

**Churchill Gale** > showed some improvement for her debut effort here two weeks previously. The first time tongue-tie probably had a positive effect and she can improve further. [Adam Maidment]

**QUOTES: ORCHIDACEAE** > won well at the Curragh so we were quite hopeful coming here. Everything went to plan and it was very straightforward. She loves that ground and we will have to look at stepping her up in grade - Andy Oliver, trainer