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ICE WITCH HAS MAGICAL RUN AT AJAX

AJAX DOWNS, JULY 29, 2018 - Millbrook, Ontario's **DAN GILES** is like a proud poppa when he watches his jet-black Quarter Horse **Ice Witch** at the races.

Giles was simply beaming when Ice Witch won Sunday's featured \$27,000 Overnight Stake by a head in a wild finish to the 350 yard dash. The gelding, who was bred in Ontario by Giles and is trained by Greg Watson of Bethany, ON remained undefeated in two starts in 2018.

Winning rider **Cory Spataro** of Innisfil maintains the lead in a competitive battle for leading rider with 21 wins to Brian Bell and Ed Walton's 17 victories.

Women riders won the first four races on Sunday's nine-race card. Newcomer **Corrine Andros**, also a Thoroughbred jockey and originally from B.C., won her first race at Ajax Downs in race 1 aboard Ralph Pearson's Miss Cookies.

A big crowd on-track helped boost wagering for the day, up a whopping **70 percent** from the same day in 2017.

It is **SPORTS DAY** at Ajax Downs on Aug. 5 with giveaways of tickets to Toronto sporting events. The Trials for the Ontario Sires Futurity will be the on-track feature.

For more information please visit www.ajaxdowns.com.

(Photo - ICE WITCH, inside, holds off Firing Red Jess in Sunday's featured race at Ajax Downs just before the big storm!)

