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## **Incredible 6 win day for jockey Cory Spataro**

**AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 12, 2018 - Innisfil's CORY SPATARO**, on track for his best career year as a jockey, rode the winners of six races at Ajax Downs on Sunday including **SMOAKN GUN**, the fastest Trial winner for the upcoming Ontario Sires Stakes Derby for 3-year-olds.

Spataro, who had seven mounts on the nine-race card, won two races for trainer Greg Watson of Bethany, ON, two for trainer Tom Dunlap plus wins for Michelle Woodley and Barry Wood.

Spataro, who is 34 years-old, now has 29 wins to lead the jockey standings at Ajax Downs and is nearing his best year-end total of 34 recorded in 2013.

Smoakn Gun's narrow win in the **second trial of the OSS Derby** in a time of :17.950 for 350 yards (a 90 speed index) puts him as one of the early favorites for the Derby final on Monday, Sept. 2. Owned and bred by Stephanie Keeble of Oakwood, Smoakn Gun edged the filly Eleanor who was favored.

The first OSS Derby Trial winner was the filly **Junoimzoomin**, owned and bred by Christine Tavares and trained by Joe Tavares, who stopped the clock in :18.110 for an 85 speed index.

One of the biggest event days on the Ajax Downs calendar is next **Sunday, Aug. 19, which is Family Fun Day**, in support of the Ajax Pickering Hospital, with activities for kids including crafts, 'Zoo to You', a chance to race on the Ajax Downs track, live music plus plenty of auction prizes for all ages.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and exciting Quarter Horse Racing begins at 12:55.

For more information please visit [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com)

*(Photo below of SMOAKN GUN and jockey Cory Spataro winning the fastest of two Trials for the Ontario Sires Stakes Derby by New Image Media)*

