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**It HAD TO BE IVORY in the \$88,200 Picov Derby**

**AJAX DOWNS, OCTOBER 15, 2018** - In one of the most exciting renewals of the \$88,200 Picov Derby, part of a big, nine-race day at Ajax Downs, HAD TO BE IVORY would not be denied in the top race for 3-year-old Quarter Horses on Oct. 15.

The Ontario-bred, facing a super field of nine other sophomores including five from the powerful Jason Pascoe-trained stable, held off Carneros to win the 400-yard stakes race by a neck for his eighth career win in nine starts. Under jockey Tony Phillips, Had to Be Ivory sped the distance in :20.110 for a 96 Speed Index.

Had to Be Ivory is owned by Carol and Jaime Robertson, trained by Carol's husband Bryn and was bred by the Robertson family in Hillsburgh, ON.

Monday's racing card also included the final of the **popular \$3,500 Handicapping Championship**, won this year by Carl Vickers who took home the \$2,000 first-place prize.

Ajax Downs had a special guest on Monday as **Durham News sports director ROB SNOEK**, a three-time Paralympian, called his first horse race, race 2 at Ajax Downs and he nailed it. [Ajax Downs Oct 15 2018 Race 2](#)

Ajax Downs' 2018 season concludes next Monday, Oct. 22 with Customer Appreciation Day with prizes and much more. For race day selections and more on Quarter Horse Racing please visit [Ajax Downs Live Quarter Horse Racing - Ajax Ontario](#)

*Photo below of HAD TO BE IVORY'S Picov Derby win by Clive Cohen- New Image Media.*

