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COUNTRY BOY 123 BREAKS TRACK RECORD

AJAX DOWNS, JUNE 18, 2017 – Ontario horse racing has a new hero in COUNTRY BOY 123, whose track record setting romp in the \$58,000 Picov Maturity at Ajax Downs brought the Father's Day racing fans to their feet.

A record handle for Father's Day realized a wagering increase of 16% which included on and off-track betting.

Country Boy 123, the 2016 Horse of the Year at Ajax Downs, cruised to a 1 ¼ length in in the final for the Picov Maturity, speeding the 300 yards in a sizzling: 15.100, crushing the track record of: 15.24.

Owned by Ruth Barbour and trained by Bryn Robertson of Hillsburgh, Ontario, Country Boy 123's speed index of 112 was one of the of the fastest times for any Quarter Horse at Ajax Downs since the track opened in 2009.

The supporting feature on the impressive 10-race card was the \$29,667 (US) final of the American Quarter Horse Association's Challenge Maiden Stakes which was won in an upset by locally-owned Mrs. First Lady, recently brought to Canada by Bowmanville's Don Reid, Kim Ito, and Richard Wincikaby.