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Ajax jockey Regan Knowles has first 3-win day

AJAX DOWNS, JULY 21, 2019 - On another successful day of Quarter Horse racing at Ajax Downs, jockey **REGAN KNOWLES** collected his first ever three-win afternoon as the **Lindsay, ON** resident continues his career year.

Knowles has 11 victories in 2019 at Canada's biggest Quarter Horse track and sits third in the rider standings behind Tony Phillips (18) and Ramiro Castillo (12) following the biggest day of his riding career.

The 11 wins are far more than the rider has posted in one season of racing since he began riding at Ajax less than 10 years ago.

"I'm afraid to drive home now," said the personable Knowles who guided **CHICKSDIGMYMONEYBAGS** to victory in Sunday's feature Overnight Series dash for owner and trainer Ruth Barbour.

Knowles invited a group of fans, a family five, into the winner's circle following his win on Christine Tavares' **SUGARMANS DELIGHT** in the co-featured Open Allowance, defeating stars Fiesty Icon and Ghost Pines.

"You have to get the fans involved because that is the backbone of our industry," said Knowles. "Without the fans we have nobody, and we appreciate them."

Ajax Downs put on another big show with **Craft Beer Day**, featuring half a dozen breweries from the Durham region. The large crowd bet with enthusiasm as **wagering was up almost 20%** from the same day in 2018.

Ajax Downs continues its 50th anniversary of Quarter Horse racing on July 28 with another installment of its "10 Days of Winning" promotion in which fans can enter to win one of four \$50 betting vouchers.

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(Photo - REGAN KNOWLES, in the midst of a career year as a Quarter Horse jockey, returns to the winner's circle on A FANCY ARRANGEMENT, one of his three winners on July 21 - photo courtesy of JOHN WATKINS)

