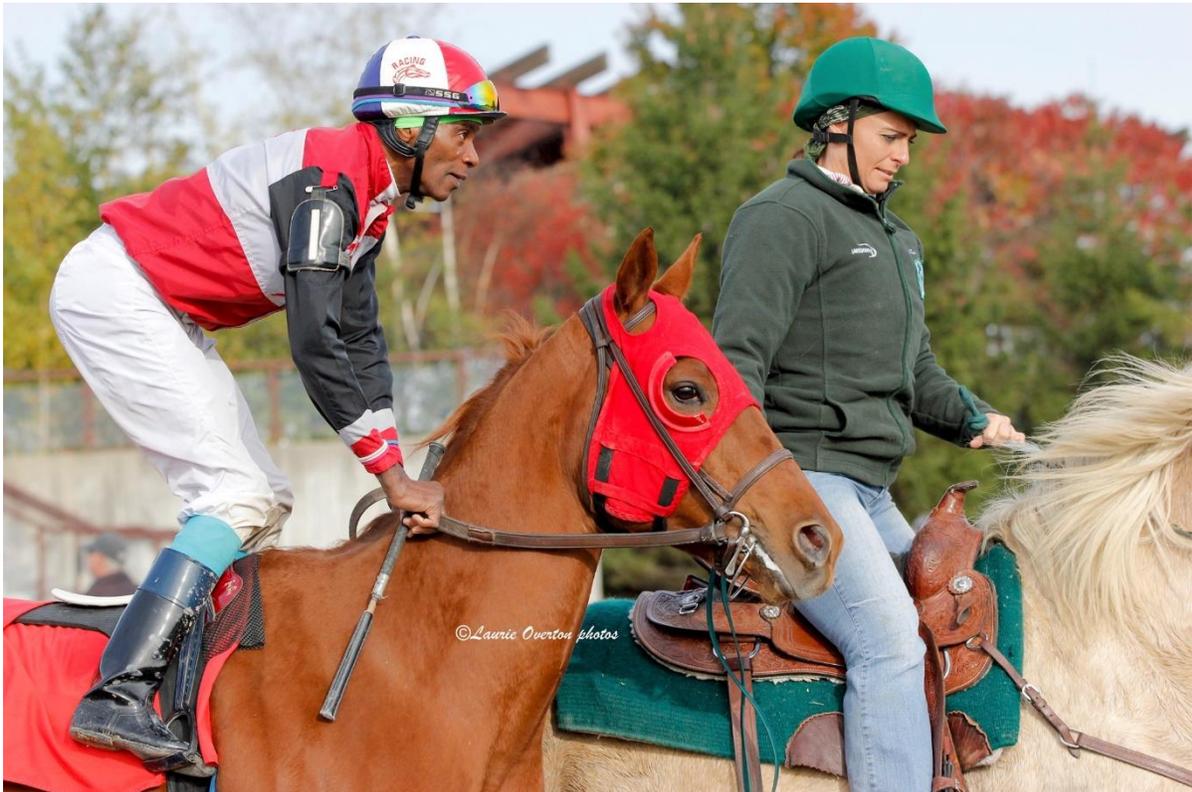




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**PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS**

**Ajax Downs Completes Memorable 50th Anniversary Season**



**(Photo - TONY PHILLIPS had a huge year at Ajax Downs to win the leading rider title with 36 wins - photo by Laurie Overton)**

**AJAX DOWNS, OCTOBER 21, 2019** - Quarter Horse racing at Ajax Downs wrapped up for 2019 at Ajax Downs on Oct. 21, the track's 50th anniversary of racing in Ontario.

**Tony Phillips** rode two winners on the big 10-race card to secure the leading rider title with 36 victories, the most wins for Phillips since he began riding Quarter Horses in 2004.

"It's been an amazing season," said Phillips. "All those people who had my back this year and previous years, I stuck with them and it paid off. I really thank everyone for the support."

Ed Walton, also a winner on the final day of racing, won 25 races over Brian Bell and Ramiro Castillo who each had 21.

Jason Pascoe led all trainers with 35 wins and Christine Tavares topped the owners list with 17 wins.

The last race of the season went to **EYE AM THE EAGLE**, who is owned by the First Line Racing Syndicate, a group of more than a dozen people who bought into the 4-year-old gelding last year and have watched him win five races, four in 2019.

The syndicate, organized by the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario, Inc., is open to anyone who wants to purchase an affordable share in a Quarter Horse.

On the final day of the Ajax Downs season, owner **Rick Crispi and trainer Tom Dunlap** won three races and each horse was ridden by US rider German Rodriguez on board.

Ajax Downs Quarter Horse Racing is set to begin again in May 2020. For more information on the sport of Quarter Horse racing and Ajax Downs visit Ajax Downs on Twitter (@AjaxDowns), Instagram and Facebook and at <http://www.ajaxdowns.com>.

To find out more about purchasing a share in a Racing Quarter horse, contact the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario, Inc. at [www.qrooi.com](http://www.qrooi.com).