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## PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

### **Fiesty Icon Rolls to 18th Career Victory and New Owners Syndicate Has Big Win**

**AJAX DOWNS, WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2020** - He may be 8-years-old but **FIESTY ICON** is as spry as ever, you might say he's still very feisty. The big gelding galloped to an easy victory in Ajax Downs' featured race on Wednesday, June 24 in his first race since October. It was the 18th career win for one of the most successful Ontario bred/Ontario sired Quarter Horses this decade.

Owned and trained by Rick Kennedy of Mount Albert, ON and bred by Picov Cattle Company, Fiesty Icon broke fast from his rail post in the 300-yard, fifth race and quickly opened up on his rivals. Jockey Ed Walton was merely a passenger as the pair won by three-quarters of a length over Firing Red Jess in a time of :15.638, an 88 speed index.

The victory made dealing with the tough gelding's antics at Kennedy's farm a lot easier to take.

"This horse is such a happy horse," said Walton. "Every training day it takes about six attempts to get me up on him. As soon as I am in the air to get on him he lets out a squeal, a big buck and a kick. We laugh, we complain a little. He's spoiled but it is well deserved."

Fiesty Icon was the 2015 Horse of the Year at Ajax Downs and the 2019 High Point Older Male. His career record stands at 18 wins from 42 starts and over \$308,000.

\*\*As there are currently no spectators allowed at Ajax Downs, the group of mostly new owners called the **First Line Racing Syndicate** did their whooping and hollering at the television or computer as their horse **THE KINGSMANN** won his first race for the group on June 24. The big colt, bought by trainer Bob Broadstock in Oklahoma this winter, joins the group's Eye Am the Eagle, who won four races in 2019. The syndicate sells shares in the horses and there are many new owners involved. To be a part of this very successful racehorse ownership venture, contact the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario at <http://www.grooi.com>.



**\*\*Canada Day, Wednesday July 1** is the next racing day at Ajax Downs and features the **\$30,000 Picov Maturity Stakes**. Last year's winner and 2019 Horse of the Year **HAD TO BE IVORY** will try to fend off the rapidly improving filly **She's Sizzling** and others in the popular 300-yard race.

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*(Photo - Fiesty Icon with his ears up wins for the 18th time)*

