



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Virtuosi, Tempting First Dash win Princess Derby Trials, 10 finalists set for Aug. 5



(Photos - VIRTUOSI (2) and TEMPTING FIRST DASH were the winners of the Trials for the Princess Derby - New Image Media photos)



Ajax Downs – July 22, 2020 - Big Dog Stable's **VIRTUOSI** at 10 to 1 won the first, and quickest, of two Trials for the upcoming \$50,000 Princess Derby Wednesday, July 22 at Ajax Downs. One race later it was **TEMPTING FIRST DASH** who cruised to an easy win in the second Trial for owner and trainer Scott Reid.

The two winners will meet the next eight fastest qualifiers from the two Trials (see list below) in the Aug. 5 final, an important race for 3-year-old filly Quarter Horses.

Virtuosi, purchased for \$6,000 (US) at the January 2020 Heritage Winter Mixed Sale in Oklahoma by Big Dog's **Carol and Dave McIntyre of Hampton, ON**, dueled Pretty Runaway throughout the 350 yards and won by a head with race favourite Silken Siri and close third. The time was :17.844 for a 91 speed index. It was the first win for Virtuosi, who was ridden by Regan Knowles, in her third start at Ajax Downs. Both Pretty Runaway and Silken Siri are Ontario-breds.

"We knew she had some run in her and didn't feel like she ran to her potential in her first two races for whatever reason," said Carol McIntyre, who trains. "She has been training great and we are thrilled with how she ran today."

McIntyre said she was attracted to the Florida-bred filly by her looks, "she was a big, solid girl" and that her dam had raced at Ajax Downs for the late Sandy Laszlo.

Tempting First Dash was bought for \$15,000 (US) by **Scott Reid of Bowmanville** from the same Oklahoma sale and this flashy sorrel-coloured filly is now three for three for Reid.

Ridden by Brian Bell, the Texas-bred flew to an easy three-quarter length win in :17.931 for an 89 speed index. Ontario-breds One Kool Dynasty and Shez Perry Fiesty were second and third.

The featured race July 22 was the \$21,250 QROOI Sprint series #1 at 110 yards. Last year's Sprint Series champion **CARNEROS**, owned by Milena Kwiecien of Burlington and trained by Jason Pascoe of Pontypool, started this year's series with a win under jockey Ed Walton. The 5-year-old gelding, who owns the track record for the distance, won by half a length in 6.950.

Exciting Quarter Horse racing continues **next Wednesday July 29** with a first race post time of 12:55. You can get news and photos on Ajax Downs by following @AjaxDowns on Twitter and Instagram and at <http://www.ajaxdowns.com>.

Once again, Horseplayer Interactive (www.hpibet.com) will reward 5% cash back for anyone wagering \$40 or more on the Ajax card next week.



Princess Derby Trial 1 - race 2 video:

[Ajax Downs July 22, 2020 3 Race 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJuU7r8oPZg)

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Princess Derby Trial 2 - Race 3 video:

[Ajax Downs July 22, 2020 3 Race 3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGKNr3vEh6Y)

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TOP 10 QUALIFIERS FOR \$50,000 PRINCESS DERBY, August 5, 2020

Distance: 350 YARDS

Horse Sire-Dam	Time	Owner Breeder Trainer Jockey
Virtuosi Favorite Cartel - Tsunami 09	:17.844	Big Dog Racing Stable Flying Fisch Farm Inc (FL) Carol McIntyre Regan Knowles
Pretty Runaway , Winners Award - Pretty Jane Perry	:17.872	James Bogar Heste Sport Inc (ONT) Barry Wood Tony Phillips
Silken Siri , Desirio - Silken Memories by Pappasito	:17.908	Lehtinen, Joyce and Erik Joyce And/Or Erik Lehtinen (ONT) Erik Lehtinen Ramiro Castillo
Tempting First Dash , 3 Shining First Dash - A Tempting Chick	:17.931	Scott Reid Muller Racing LLC (TX) Scott Reid Brian Bell
Cc Senator Page , 3 Louisiana Senator - Cassandra Chick	:18.052	Amelie Aubut Danny Joe Miller (OK) Jason Pascoe Helen Vanek
One Kool Dynasty , 3 FDD Dynasty - One Kool Bud	:18.089	Belinda Taggart William 'Bill' Taggart (ONT) Jason Pascoe Helen Vanek
Whiteside , Hes Relentless - Itea by Corona Cartel	:18.094	Richard Wincikaby William E Smith (OK) Michelle Woodley Ed Walton
Shez Perry Fiesty , Sugarman Perry - Chissled And Fiesty	:18.170	Richard Kennedy R. Kennedy (ONT) R. Kennedy Ed Walton
Eye Require Corona , Carters Cartel - Eyes Required	:18.374	Rick Crispi Charles Hainline (OK) Tom D Dunlap Cassandra Jeschke
Spitfire Stoli , Stoli - Veva Six by Streakin Sixes	:18.512	Erin Chrisman Darrell Williams (LA) Craig Spada Cory Spataro