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## **PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS**

### **Don Reid Returns to the Winner's Circle with Marianita CSJ**



*(Photo- Don Reid and Aubrey Leigh pose with their filly MARIANITA CSJ, winner of the \$18,000 QROOI Overnight Series Dash, with Cassandra Jeschke up)*

**AJAX DOWNS, JULY 29, 2020** - Longshots dominated the results on a sunny and breezy summer afternoon at Ajax Downs July 29 capped by the 9 to 1 upset by the filly **MARIANITA CSJ** in the featured \$18,000 QROOI Overnight Series.

Just two favorites won on the eight-race card setting up nice payouts for fans watching and wagering Quarter Horse racing on the Ajax Downs website and wagering through the Horseplayer Interactive betting platform.



Marianita CSJ put her owner and trainer **Don Reid of Bowmanville, ON**, back in the winner's circle for the first time since August 2018 with her gate to wire victory in the Overnight Series dash at 300 yards under jockey Cassandra Jeschke.

Reid, one of Ajax Downs all-time leading trainers, stepped away from training in 2018 and returned this year. Third in her first two career starts, Marianita CSJ paid \$19.80 to win and keyed a \$351.36 superfecta.

One race earlier it was **CHICKSDIGMYMONEYBAGS**, owned and trained by Ruth Barbour of Hillsburgh, upsetting a top field of older horses and paying \$11.40 for the win, speeding 350 yards in:17.577 for career best 99 speed index. Regan Knowles rode Chicksdigmymoneybags to the gelding's sixth career win.

For the second straight Wednesday, trainer **Tom Dunlap** won three races on the day. This week he scored a natural hat trick with The Lady Is a Winner in race 2, Jess Carolinas Award in race 3 and Voleeta in race 4. All three winners are owned by **Rick Crispi** of Guelph.

Stakes race action is on tap for next **Wednesday August 5 with the \$50,000 Princess Derby** featuring 10 fillies that qualified in Trials two weeks ago.

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*(Photo - CHICKSDIGMYMONEYBAGS and Regan Knowles take the co-feature at Ajax Downs July 29)*

