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**Ontario Bred Derby Trials Wednesday and Country Boy 123  
headlines Sprint Series**



*ONE KOOL DYNASTY is one fast filly; she will try to keep her winning streak going in Trial 1 of the Ontario Bred Derby Aug 19 with Helen Vanek on board - LAURIE OVERTON PHOTO*



**AJAX DOWNS MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2020** - Princess Derby Stakes winner **ONE KOOL DYNASTY** heads 15 Ontario-bred 3-year-olds competing in two Trials for the Ontario Bred Derby this **Wednesday, August 19, 2020** at Ajax Downs.

On yet another star-studded card of Quarter Horse racing, the Ontario Bred Derby Trials are co-featured with the **\$20,000 QROOI SPRINT SERIES #2** which has lured the remarkable **COUNTRY BOY 123** just one week after his handy win in a 110-yard return dash.

**ONE KOOL DYNASTY**, a 3-year-old filly owned by Oakwood, Ontario's Belinda Taggart and trained by Jason Pascoe of Pontypool, was powerful in her victory in the \$54,600 Princess Derby Aug. 5 against American-breds and will be favoured to win the first Ontario-Bred Derby Trial, race 3, on Wednesday. Her toughest competition could come from A Lone Hand, a son of Ontario sire Azure Down There, and a gelding who has been first or second in all six starts for owner and breeder James Bogar of Cameron.

One Kool Dynasty will be ridden by 'Hurricane' Helen Vanek while A Lone Hand has the services of 2019 leading rider Tony 'TP' Philips.

The second Trial, race 4, is also headed by a filly as Erik and Joyce Lehtinen's **SILKEN SIRI** will be well supported based on her record of two wins and a second in three starts in 2020. Ramrio Castillo will ride Silken Siri. Also in that field is the 2019 Champion 2-year-old male Eazy Street who is looking to get back on track after a seventh-place finish against older horses July 28.

\***COUNTRY BOY 123**, who was so impressive in his return to Ajax Downs Aug. 12 in a 'Gridiron Gallop' dash, heads a super field of nine in the **2nd leg of the Sprint Series**. The 7-year-old, a 24-time winner, became the richest Canadian-based Quarter Horse in history with his victory last week, His \$389,467 (US) total surpassed the \$388,638 earned by the great grey One Kool Wave, who incidentally is the older half brother of One Kool Dynasty.

Country Boy 123 will start from post nine in his first attempt at 220 yards and to his immediate inside is the 2019 Sprint Series champion **CARNEROS**, who won the first leg of the series on July 22.

Nine exciting races on Wednesday get underway at 12:55 p.m. and you can enjoy all the action on Ajax Downs' livestream at **AjaxDowns.com** or watch and wager through Woodbine Entertainment's Horseplayer Interactive platform at **HPIBet.com**. Get updates and see photos and more @AjaxDowns on Instagram, Twitter or on Facebook.

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