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## **PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS**

**Hanover Hill Chalsee, One Kool Dynasty win Ontario Bred Derby Trials;  
Country Boy 123 sails to second easy win in a week**



*FLYIN': COUNTRY BOY 123 wins the \$22,850 SPRINT SERIES-2 with ease, his 25th career win; New Image Media Photo*

**AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 19, 2020** - Two young stars on the rise and one of the most accomplished Quarter Horses in Canadian history were among the winners on another action-packed day of racing at Ajax Downs. Two fillies impressed in victories in two Trials for the final



of the \$50,000 Ontario Bred Derby, Sept. 2 including Picov Cattle Company's **HANOVER HILL CHALSEE** who registered the fastest time of 15.653 for the 300 yards in Trial 2. Bred by the Picov family, the 3-year-old daughter of Make Out Artist broke the quickest of her seven rivals and won easily by 1 1/4 lengths under leading rider Ed Walton. Rick Kennedy trains Hanover Hill Chalsee who has won three races from five starts in 2020.

"She's been running a little greenly in parts of her races this year," said Walton. "But once she gets down to running she really feels good. She's surprised me a little."

Walton, who at age 57 is riding at the top of his game, won three races on the afternoon to bring his 2020 total to 21.

A race earlier, **ONE KOOL DYNASTY**, who was coming off a big win in the \$54,550 Princess Derby handily won her Trial in a time of 15.738 for owner Belinda Taggart of Oakwood, ON and trainer Jason Pascoe of Pontypool.. Ridden by 'Hurricane' Helen Vanek, One Kool Dynasty won by 1 1/4 lengths over four rivals after both Magic Down There and A Lone Hand were scratched at the gate. This was the third win in six races in 2020 for One Kool Dynasty who was bred by Bill Taggart.

The list of the 10 finalists, by time, for the Ontario Bred Derby final is **below**.

\*Just a week after winning his Ajax Downs return, three-time Horse of the Year **COUNTRY BOY 123** came right back for the day's featured event, the second leg of the **SPRINT SERIES**, worth \$22,850, and galloped to an easy victory under Ed Walton. The remarkable 7-year-old, who must make three starts at Ajax before he is eligible to try for a fourth straight win in the Alex Picov Memorial Championship Oct. 12, was attempting the 220 yard distance for the first time and won by nearly a length in 11.889 for a lofty 102 speed index. It was the 25th career win in 39 races for Country Boy 123 who is owned and trained by Ruth Barbour of Hillsburgh. His earnings of just over \$478,000 make him the richest Canadian-bred Quarter Horse in history.

\*Longtime leading owner **Christine Tavares and husband/trainer Joe Tavares** won a pair of races on the day with Fast Streakin Nick and Sugarmans Delight, the latter who provided jockey Norm DeSouza with his first victory of the season.

\*Racing continues at Ajax Downs next **Wednesday August 26 with the final of the Ontario Bred Futurity** for 2-year-olds. Catch all the news and replays and livestream of racing at [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com) and watch and wager at [www.hpibet.com](http://www.hpibet.com). To find out how you can buy your own Quarter Horse or a share in one, contact the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario at [www.grooi.com](http://www.grooi.com). Follow @Ajax Downs on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for more news and photos.

***(PHOTO BELOW - HANOVER HILL CHALSEE owned by the Picov Cattle Company - New Image Media)***



**TEN FINALISTS FOR ONTARIO BRED DERBY, SEPT. 2, 2020**

Horse	Race No.	Finished	Time	Trainer	Jockey	Owner
1 Hanover Hill Chalsee	4 1	15.653	1	Kennedy Walton		Picov Cattle
2 One Kool Dyansty	3 2	15.738	1	Pascoe Vanek		B. Taggart
3 Hot Like Fyre	3 4	15.983	2	Bourgeois Jeschke		C. Bourgeois
4 Hey There Giorgi Boy	4 7	15.995	2	Hudgins DeSouza		A. Hudgins
5 Shez Perry Fiesty	3 7	16.071	3	Kennedy Walton		R. Kennedy
6 Shaken	4 8	16.078	3	Bourgeois Jeschke		C. Bourgeois
7 Eazy Street	4 3	16.163	4	Robertson Phillips		B. Robertson
8 Silken Siri	4 5	16.238	5	Lehtinen Castillo		E. Lehtinen
9 Get On the Bus Gus	3 6	16.327	4	McIntyre Mosqueira		Big Dog
10 Rowdy and Bodacious	4 6	16.349	6	Reid, S Bell		G. Coleman