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Twixt of Fate Lands \$66,000 Ontario Bred Futurity by a Nose



The 2-year-old TWIXT OF FATE reaches out to win the \$66,000 Ontario Bred Futurity Aug. 26 at Ajax Downs. New Image Media photo

AJAX DOWNS, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2020 - Richard and Linda Wincikaby's **TWIXT OF FATE** stuck his nose out nearing the finish of Ontario Bred Futurity Wednesday at Ajax Downs and took home the bulk of the \$66,000 purse in an exciting renewal of the important 2-year-old race.

Trained by Michelle Woodley of Bolton, ON and ridden by leading rider Ed Walton, Twixt of Fate chased down Goodness Graceious early in the 300-yard dash and then turned back a strong challenge from Milena Kwiecien's Countryfried Chicken with Helen Vanek aboard to win in a time of 15.574 for an impressive 90 speed index. Carol and Jaime Robertson's stretch running 2-year-old Had to Be Relentless was another neck back in third in the 10-horse field.

It was the second win in as many starts for Twixt of Fate who paid \$4.30 to win as the even-money favourite. The steel-grey son of Streakin Six Cartel was bred by Gary McNichol and has earned over \$32,000.



"He actually broke a little flat-footed from the gate," said Walton of the youngster. "But once he got going, he was just running to win."

The Wincikabys, who are from Englehart, made the 5 1/2 hour trip south to Ajax Downs to watch Twixt of Fate win. The family had been leading owners at Ajax Downs in 2016 and recently returned to the sport after a two-year hiatus. They purchased Twixt of Fate from McNichol this spring when the gelding was in training with Woodley and husband, former top rider John McInerney.

"He came to our farm as a foal with his mum," said an emotional, and hoarse, Woodley. "We like him a lot. He is a little challenging but that makes this all the more rewarding."

The rich Alex Picov Memorial Futurity on Oct. 5, worth \$95,000, could be the next goal for Twixt of Fate.

*The **\$17,420 QROOI Overnight Series co-feature** for fillies and mares at 300-yards was won by 8 to 1 shot **Five Bar Fandango** under jockey Ismael Mosquera for Carol and Jaime Robertson. Trained by Bryn Robertson, Ontario-bred Five Bar Fandango won by a nose over Aj Chick in 15 for her first win in her second start of 2020.

*Racing continues at Ajax Downs **Wednesday Sept. 2 with the final of the \$50,000-added Ontario Bred Derby** before the schedule changes to Monday racing on Sept. 7. Keep up to date on news from Ajax Downs at www.ajaxdowns.com and follow the Quarter Horses on social media @AjaxDowns on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. The **Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario** can provide information on how to get involved in the exciting sport of Quarter Horse racing by purchasing your own horses or a share in a syndicated horse. Contact www.qrooi.com.

(Photo below - Ed Walton aboard Twixt of Fate with trainer Michelle Woodley - New Image Media photo)

