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Who Will Wear the Princess Derby Crown? Plus Ontario Sired Maturity, Trials for Ont. Bred Futurity



Is TEMPTING FIRST DASH the next superstar filly at Ajax Downs? She puts her 2020 undefeated record on the line in the \$54,500 Princess Derby August 5 - New Image Media photo

AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 3, 2020 - A stakes-laden card headlined by the **\$54,500 PRINCESS DERBY** will make for the most exciting day of Quarter Horse racing thus far in 2020 at Ajax Downs. The Wednesday, August 5 day of racing also features the \$40,700 Ontario Sired Maturity and two Trials for the upcoming Ontario Bred Futurity. The Princess Derby is a 350-yard dash for 3-year-old fillies and 10 young ladies qualified by time in two Trials on July 22.



TEMPTING FIRST DASH, undefeated in three races at Ajax Downs in 2020 since being purchased over the winter by owner/trainer Scott Reid of Lansdowne, ON, will be favored based on her very easy win in her Trial.
Brian Bell once again will ride.

"Scott's been really taking his time with this filly," said Bell. "He's been very high on her since he bought her and the [pedigree] page on her is immaculate."

Tempting First Dash starts from post position 7. Her main competition could come from VIRTUOSI, who won the first Trial for the Princess for Big Dog Racing of Carol and Dave McIntyre of Hampton and jockey Regan Knowles and One Kool Dynasty, an Ontario bred owned by Belinda Taggart who was second to Tempting First Dash in their Trial.

The Princess Derby goes as race six on the eight-race program which wraps up with the Ontario Sired Maturity, a fabulous field of 10 older horses including the amazing 8-year-old FIESTY ICON, who won this race in 2019 and last year's top Ontario-bred 3-year-old filly SHAKE IT TWICE, coming off a career best time in a win July 15.

The Ontario Bred Futurity Trials are races 2 and 3 on the action-packed afternoon of racing which gets underway at 12:55 p.m.

While Ajax Downs is not yet open to the public you can watch and wager on the races through Horseplayer Interactive (www.hpibet.com) and if you wager \$40 or more on the day you will receive 5% cash back. Ajax Downs also has a livestream of its races beginning with the Talking Quarters Handicapping Show at 12:15 p.m.

A free pocket program with race analysis can be downloaded from the Ajax Downs website (www.ajaxdowns.com).

\$54,500 PRINCESS DERBY - Race 6, Aug. 5 Ajax Downs

Post Jockey Trainer Odds

1. Eye Require Corona - Cassandra Jeschke - Tom Dunlap 10-1
2. Virtuosi - Regan Knowles - Carol McIntyre 6-1
3. Whiteside - Ed Walton - Michelle Woodley 10-1
4. Silken Siri - Ramiro Castillo - Eric Lehtinen 7-2
5. Spitfire Stoli - Cory Spataro - Craig Spada 15-1
6. Pretty Runaway - Tony Phillips - Barry Wood 4-1
7. Tempting First Dash - Brian Bell - Scott Reid 3-1
8. Cc Senator Page - Ismael Mosquiera - Jason Pascoe 8-1
9. One Kool Dynasty - Helen Vanek - Jason Pascoe 8-1
10. Shez Perry Fiesty - Ramiro Castillo - Rick Kennedy 12-1