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## PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

# **\$54,650 Ontario Sired Stakes Derby Highlights Huge Final Day of Ajax Downs Season**



*(Photo - SHAKEN, a homebred for Chantelle Bourgeois, is among the favourites for Monday's Ontario Sired Stakes Derby; New Image Media photo)*

**AJAX DOWNS, FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2020** - The **\$54,650 final of the Ontario Sired Stakes Derby for 3-year-olds, race 9**, headlines a big 11-race card at Ajax Downs, Monday, October 26, the final race day of the 2020 season.

There is a slightly **earlier post time for race 1 of 12:45 p.m.**

The Ontario Sired Stakes Derby has a competitive field of the 10 fastest qualifiers from the Oct. 12 Trials set to race 350-yards. There is not much separating the two Trial winners as both **JESS CAROLINAS AWARD**, owned by Rick Crispi of Guelph, and Chantelle Bourgeois' **SHAKEN**, posted 84 speed index ratings for their narrow victories.



Jess Carolinas Award, bred by Crispi and trained by Tom Dunlap. edged Rowdy and Bodacious in his Trial victory with a late surge, his second win of the season. Crispi is currently tied for leading owner by wins with 12 heading into the final day. Cory Spataro rides Jess Carolinas Award from post 3.

Shaken, who is also trained and was bred by Bourgeois of Enniskillen, led all the way in his Trial win, holding off a late bid by the filly Princess Leia, owned by Marie Broadstock of Nestleton. Cassandra Jeschke rides Shaken and they will break from post 5.

Other contenders in the Derby include the fleet Pretty Runaway, whose owner James Bogar also has 12 wins on the season and Picov Cattle Company's Hanover Hill Chalsee, ridden by the meet's leading jockey Ed Walton.

\*The co-feature is race 10, the **\$22,350 QROOI Distance Series #3** at 440 yards. **FIESTY ICON** who curated an upset of champion Country Boy 123 in the \$54,000 Alex Picov Memorial Championship Oct. 12 is favoured for owner and trainer Rick Kennedy of Mount Albert. The 8-year-old gelding has won 20 of his 49 races and meets Distance Series #1 winner Spy for the Senate.

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## ONTARIO SIREN STAKES DERBY

### RACE 9

**Purse \$54,650. For Ontario Sired (program Registered) Three Year Olds, Which Nominated To, And Qualified From, The Time Trials (if Necessary), Contested On Monday, October 12/20 (10 Fastest Qualifiers).**

**Three Hundred And Fifty Yards.**

PP Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Odds
1 Jess Gunnin	L Desouza	P Burne	12/1
2 Rowdy and Bodacious	H Vanek	S Reid	8/1
3 Jess Carolinas Award	C Spataro	T D Dunlap	10/1
4 A Lone Hand	B Bell	B Wood	8/1
5 Shaken	C Jeschke	C Bourgeois	7/2
6 Pretty Runaway	T Phillips	B Wood	4/1
7 Princesss Leia	R S Castillo	B Broadstock	6/1
8 Shock the Clocker	C Jeschke	D Reid	10/1
9 Hanover Hill Chalsee	E Walton	R W Kennedy	3/1
10 Down in Carolina	I Mosqueira	C McIntyre	15/1



*Owners: 1 - Darcy Peltier ; 2 - George Coleman ; 3 - Rick Crispi ; 4 - James Bogar ; 5 - Chantelle Bourgeois ; 6 - James Bogar ; 7 - Marie Broadstock ; 8 - Ralph Pearson ; 9 - Picov Cattle Co. ; 10 - Amelie Aubut*

*Breeders: 1 - Darcy Peltier; 2 - Ivy Lane Racing; 3 - Rick Crispi; 4 - James Bogar; 5 - Chantelle Bourgeois; 6 - Heste Sport Inc; 7 - Marie Broadstock; 8 - Ralph Pearson; 9 - Picov Cattle Co; 10 - Brian Farrell*