



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Country Boy 123 goes for 4th straight Alex Picov Memorial Championship Monday, Oct. 12



COUNTRY BOY 123, shown winning Sept. 21, is one of Canada's most successful Quarter Horses in history. He tries for a fourth straight Picov Championship Oct. 12 - Laurie Overton Photo

AJAX DOWNS, FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 2020 - Canada's richest Quarter Horse **COUNTRY BOY 123** goes after a fourth consecutive **Alex Picov Memorial Championship**, Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 12 at Ajax Downs.

The popular 7-year-old comes into the 47th running of the \$50,000 Championship on a five-race winning streak in 2020 and recently went over the \$500,000 mark in career earnings from 27 wins in 41 career races.

A three-time Horse of the Year, Country Boy 123 will start from post position three in the eight-horse field that will race 440 yards. Owned by Ruth Barbour of Hillsburgh, ON, Country Boy 123 has his regular rider Ed Walton on board for what will be the dark bay's final start at Ajax Downs of the season.

Leading trainer Jason Pascoe sends out two runners in the Championship. **MARYLAND MAGIC**, third in this race to Country Boy in 2019, will be ridden by Helen Vanek while, **SPY FOR THE SENATE**,



coming off his seventh career win, will have Ismael Mosquera riding. Both horses are owned by Milena Kwiecien of Burlington.

Ralph Pearson's **COUNTRYS COMIN BAC**, fresh off a sizzling win in the Ontario Bred Maturity on Sept. 28 at 400 yards, will be ridden by Cassandra Jeschke for trainer Don Reid. The complete field for the Championship is listed below.

*Monday's racing also includes two Time Trials for the **Ontario Sired Derby** for 3-year-olds at 350-yards. The first Trial is led by PicoV Cattle Company's HANOVER HILL CHALSEE, winner of the Ontario Bred Derby Sept. 2 while the wide open second Trial has a field of six including recent winner SHAKEN for Chantelle Bourgeois of Enniskillen.

First race post time Monday is 12:55 p.m.

*While Ajax Downs continues to hold racing without fans, you can watch and wager on all the action at **HPIBet.com** by easily signing up for an account. The races are also live-streamed at **AjaxDowns.com**. Keep in touch with all the news from Ajax Downs by following us on Twitter and Instagram @AjaxDowns and on Facebook.

**RACE 8 POST TIME - 4:04 PM ALEX PICOV MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP S.
Purse \$50,000. For Three Year Olds & Upward
Four Hundred And Forty Yards.**

PP Horse Jockey Trainer

1 Shes Sizzling (ON)	R Knowles	E Lehtinen
2 Jess a Deal (TX)	R S Castillo	B Broadstock
3 Country Boy 123 (MI)	E Walton	R Barbour
4 Maryland Magic (MD)	H M Vanek	J Pascoe
5 Tempting First Dash (TX)	J Scott	S Reid
6 Countrys Comin Bac (ON)	C Jeschke	D Reid
7 Spy for the Senate (OK)	I Mosqueira	J Pascoe
8 Fiesty Icon (ON)	T Phillips	R W Kennedy