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Country Boy 123, Jess a Sweet Suprize Meet in Sprint Series #2



JESS A SWEET SUPRIZE (orange silks) won the first leg of the QROOI Sprint Series at 110 yards and meets up with Country Boy 123 (closest to inside, orange and yellow) again July 21 for Leg 2

AJAX DOWNS, JULY 19, 2021 - It's the big 'Boy' against the diminutive girl in the second leg of the **QROOI SPRINT SERIES** at Ajax Downs on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**. Three-time Horse of the Year **COUNTRY BOY 123** returns to his home track after missing by a nose in the \$59,000 Bradford Stakes at Indiana Grand on July 8 and meets up with the fast, pint-sized mare **JESS A SWEET SUPRIZE**, who beat the champ in the 110-yard first leg of the series on June 16.

Ruth Barbour's 8-year-old gelding, a winner of 27 of 45 career races and the richest Canadian-based Quarter Horse with over \$500,000 in earnings, was interfered with out of the gate in the first leg of the Sprint Series and wound up fifth, placed fourth when rival Night Fishn was disqualified. Meanwhile, Craig Spada's Jess A Sweet Suprize had scampered away from the gate under jockey Cory Spataro and won by a nose over the 10-year-old warrior Arctic Fame.

"Each year she keeps getting better," said owner/trainer Spada, who sits second in the trainer's standings to Jason Pascoe with eight wins. "Her mum (Jess Curl My Prize) was like that too. We are pretty excited about her this year."

Country Boy 123 and Jess a Sweet Suprize line up beside each other in the gate for the \$19,890-second leg in posts two and three respectively. Ed Walton returns to ride Country Boy 123.



The nine-horse field also includes previous Sprint Series champion Carneros, Night Fishn, Arctic Fame, and impressive allowance winner Silken Siri, The Sprint Series-2 goes as race seven. First race post time is 1:30 p.m.

Ajax Downs welcomes its racing fans back to the track through a registration process. Simply go to <https://ajaxdowns.com/registration/> and reserve your spot to enjoy an afternoon of exciting Quarter Horse racing.

The Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario, Inc. website, www.qrooi.com, has information on how to get involved in owning a Quarter Horse or how to join a syndicate. Follow Ajax Downs on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook (@AjaxDowns) for news, photos, and the daily live stream of each day's races which appear on the Ajax Downs Facebook page.

FIELD FOR THE QROOI SPRINT SERIES - 2

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PP Horse	Jockey Trainer M/L	
1 Shes Sizzling	R Isaacs	E Lehtinen 10/1
2 Country Boy 123	E Walton	R Barbour 3/1
3 Jess a Sweet Suprize	C Spataro	C Spada 4/1
4 Silken Siri	T Phillips	E Lehtinen 10/1
5 Carneros	I Mosqueira	J Pascoe 6/1
6 Arctic Fame	J Scott	S Reid 12/1
7 Zoxtobeyou	L Desouza	J Grice 8/1
8 Night Fishn	R S Castillo	D Giles 8/1
9 Chicksdigmymoneybags	B Bell	R Barbour 7/2