



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

First Cold Wave Favoured in \$60,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity



Robert Bailey's homebred First Cold Wave won the fastest of two Trials for the OSS Futurity set for September 15. - New Image Media photo

AJAX DOWNS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 - Two-year-old Quarter Horses take the stage at Ajax Downs on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in the final for the **\$60,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity** at 330 yards.

As a reminder, Ajax Downs' Quarter Horse racing has an **earlier, first race post time of 12:55 p.m.** for the remainder **of the 2021 racing season.**

A competitive field of 10 juveniles, the fastest qualifiers from two Trials for the OSS Futurity held on Aug. 25, will head to the post for race seven on a strong eight-race card on Wednesday.

FIRST COLD WAVE, the fastest qualifier for the Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity, for 2-year-olds by Ontario stallions, has drawn post position four for owner and breeder Robert Bailey of Oakwood, ON. The tall, sorrel gelding powered to a one-length win in his Trial under jockey Brian Bell in a time of 17.01 for a 92 speed index. Trained by Jason Pascoe, First Cold Wave turned the tables on rival **NIGHT LEADER**, who finished second but had won the Ontario Bred Futurity over First Cold Wave on Aug. 4.

First Cold Wave is from the first crop of runners for his sire Cold Hard Dash, owned by a partnership that includes Belinda Taggart, who will start Kold Kinda Star, another son of Cold Hard Dash, in the Futurity final.



Night Leader, owned by John Wilson and Scott Reid, was 8 to 1 when he won the Ontario Bred Futurity and was closing ground when favoured in his second-place finish to First Cold Wave in their Trial. Trainer Reid's partner Carly Furlonger, who recently returned to riding following the birth of the couple's son Weston, will ride Night Leader for the first time Wednesday from post nine.

KEEPR OF THE STARS, who starts from post position one, closed fast to win his Trial in a time of 17.13 for an 88 speed index. Owned and bred by Taggart and trained by Pascoe, the son of Star Fire Dash held off Rick Crispi's filly Magic Flare to win by half a length for his second win in four races. Helen Vanek rides.

Magic Flare, trained by Tom Dunlap, is one of four 2-year-olds in the field by first-year sire Maryland Magic and that stallion is still racing, having won the Sprint Series-3 last week at Ajax Downs. Magic Flare starts from post seven with Ramiro Castillo riding.

Fans can **pre-register to attend the races** at www.ajaxdowns.com beginning Monday, Sept. 13. Follow us on social media @AjaxDowns.

RACE 7 POST TIME - 3:37 PM ET ONTARIO SIRES STAKES FUTURITY

Purse \$60,000. For Ontario Sired (program Registered) Two Year Olds; Three Hundred And Thirty Yards.

Post - Horse - Jockey - Trainer- Morning Line Odds

- 1 Keepr of the Stars- H M Vanek- J Pascoe - 4/1
- 2 Sw Snowmagicallykool- R Moreno- J Pascoe - 8/1
- 3 Runawaylightsncaviar - T Phillips - A Carter - 12/1
- 4 First Cold Wave - B Bell - J Pascoe - 3/1
- 5 Jezzabella - C Jeschke - A Carter -10/1
- 6 Blazin Magician - J B Botello - J Pascoe - 8/1
- 7 Magic Flare - R Castillo - T D Dunlap - 6/1
- 8 Kold Kinda Star - I E Mosqueira - J Pascoe - 10/1
- 9 Night Leader - C Furlonger - S Reid 7/2
- 10 Magic Diamond - R Moreno - J Pascoe - 15/1

Owners: 1 - Belinda Taggart ; 2 - Milena Kwiecien ; 3 - James Bogar ; 4 - Robert Bailey ; 5 - James Bogar ; 6 - Milena Kwiecien ; 7 - Rick Crispi ; 8 - Belinda Taggart ; 9 - Scott Reid and John S. Wilson ; 10 - Milena Kwiecien

Breeders: 1 - Belinda Taggart; 2 - Sherry A Wingfield; 3 - Gary McNichol; 4 - Robert Bailey; 5 - James Bogar; 6 - Milena Kwiecien; 7 - Milena Kwiecien; 8 - William 'Bill' Taggart; 9 - Edith Slater; 10 - Katharine Lister