



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Picov Maturity winner Firing Red Jess Takes Oct. 13 at Ajax Downs



Ontario bred FIRING RED JESS was a blur winning the featured race at Ajax Downs on October 13, one of three winners for jockey Cary Furlonger and trainer Scott Reid.

AJAX DOWNS, OCTOBER 13, 2021 - Trainer Scott Reid and his partner/jockey Carly Furlonger scored a triple at Ajax Downs on Wednesday, October 13 including the featured seventh race with stable star, the Ontario bred **FIRING RED JESS**. Owned by George Coleman of Peterborough, Firing Red Jess shot clear from post position two in the 330-yard allowance race worth \$14,000 and was never headed, winning by 1 3/4 lengths in the sharp time of 16.793 for a 99 speed index. Favoured Night Fishin finished second by a nose over Hanover Hill Chalsee.



Bred by Guylaine Paquin, Firing Red Jess provided Coleman with his first stakes win as an owner earlier this year when the 6-year-old gelding won the Picov Maturity. The son of Mr Jess Tex was later second in the Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity and was coming off a fifth-place finish in the Ontario Bred Maturity. Sent off a 3 to 1 by the on and off-track bettors, Firing Red Jess paid \$8.90 to win.

It was the eighth career win for the gelding from 31 career starts.

"He seemed a little more focused today [than last time]," said Furlonger, who returned to full-time race-riding this year after a three-year absence to have the couple's son Weston. "He's a really nice horse but sometimes he does things on his own terms."

Reid and Furlonger also won with another Coleman runner on the card, Rowdy and Bodacious, who won race two, and the couple also scored with John Wilson's Shifting Tides in the day's first race.

Leading rider **Cory Spataro** extended his lead in the jockey standings with a natural hat trick, guiding Picov Cattle Company's Hanover Hill Theresa, trained by Joe Tavares, to win race four, Irwin Wall's America's Rocket Man, trained by Craig Spada to win race five and Fast Streakin Nick, owned by Christine Tavares and trained by Joe, to win race six. Spataro has 28 wins on the season.

Quarter Horse racing **continues at Ajax Downs on October 20** with a first race post time of 12:55. There are three cards of racing remaining in the 2021 season.

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Video **replay of Race 7** at Ajax Downs, Oct. 13, 2021 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMhZLOCYqM0>