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### Trials for \$100,000 Alex Picov Memorial Futurity Set for October 6



*Milena Kwiecien's SW The Redeemer, shown winning at Canterbury Downs in Minnesota on August 11, is a contender in the first of two Trials for the Alex Picov Memorial Futurity Oct. 6 at Ajax Downs; Heather Grevelis/Canterbury Downs photo*

**AJAX DOWNS, OCTOBER 4, 2021** - Seventeen 2-year-old Quarter Horses will vie for a spot in the final for the **\$100,000 Alex Picov Memorial Futurity in two Time Trials** at Ajax Downs on Wednesday, October 6. The Picov Futurity is the richest race of the Ajax Downs meeting and the final will be held on October 27.

The Trials, at 400 yards, are races three and four on a strong 10-race card that also includes the third leg of the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Distance Series, to be run at 440 yards.

The first Futurity Trial, worth \$8,000, has a formidable trio from the barn of leading trainer Jason Pascoe. Both **SW THE REDEEMER** and **EYE LIVE FOR CANDY**, owned by Milena Kwiecien of Burlington, are making their Ajax Downs debuts after beginning their careers in the U.S. SW The Redeemer, the first foal of multiple Ajax Downs winner Rockin Miss Kitty, recently won his maiden at Canterbury Downs in Minnesota after finishing second beaten only a neck in the \$71,000 Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity in his previous start. Ricardo Moreno will ride the bay gelding from post position five.

Eye Live for Candy, a brown filly, won a Trial for the \$137,000 Northland Futurity at Canterbury but was bounced around out of the gate in the final and lost all chance. Ismael Mosquera gets the mount. The third Pascoe trainee is Belinda Taggart's Ontario bred **KOLD KINDA STAR** who was third in the Ontario Bred Futurity and fourth in the Ontario Sires Futurity.



**FIRST COLD WAVE** will be heavily favoured to take the second Trial against eight rivals. The Ontario sired and bred son of first year stallion Cold Hard Dash won the Ontario Sires Futurity on Sept. 15 for his third win in five races. Owned and bred by Robert Bailey of Oakwood, ON, First Cold Wave starts from post nine with Brian Bell riding.

Ontario Bred Futurity winner Night Leader, second to First Cold Wave in the OSS Futurity starts from post one for Scott Reid and John Wilson with Carly Furlonger riding. Impressive debut winner Lethal Tres Seis, owned by Richard Wincikaby and trained by Michelle Woodley, is another contender and he has post position eight with Cory Spataro riding.

The **Alex Picov Memorial Futurity** has been won by great Canadian Quarter Horses such as One Kool Wave, Jumping Guitar, Had to Be Ivory, and last year, Streakinlilwagon was the winner for Jason Pascoe.

The October 6 co-feature is race eight, the **\$20,000 QROOI Distance Series, leg 3** headed by Spy for the Senate, who won the first leg of the series, Maryland Magic, winner of the third leg of the Sprint Series, and multiple stakes placed Countrys Comin Bac.

**First race post time on Oct. 6 is 12:55 p.m.** Fans can register to attend the races by visiting [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com). Keep up to date on Quarter Horse racing at Ajax Downs by following us on social media, @AjaxDowns. The QROOI ([www.qrooi.com](http://www.qrooi.com)) represents all horsepeople in Quarter Horse racing and offers options to become involved in the ownership of your own Quarter Horse.