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## PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

### It's Fan Appreciation Day Sunday At Ajax Downs



*Fiesty Icon shown winning his 2021 finale at 110-yards, makes his 10-year-old debut in the Sprint Series on Fan Appreciation Day, May 22 at Ajax Downs. Laurie Overton photo*

**AJAX DOWNS, FRIDAY MAY 20, 2022** - Ajax Downs will celebrate its Quarter Horse racing fans with **Fan Appreciation Day on Sunday, May 22, 2022**, the first of several special Sunday event days during the track's 25-day meeting. Fans in attendance will have a chance to enter for **betting voucher prizes** and they can **receive a free mug** for every program purchase.

Post time for the first race Sunday is **12:55 p.m.**

Some of Ontario's star Quarter Horses will be on track Sunday for the first leg of the **QROOI Sprint Series**, a \$20,000 dash at the exciting 'gridiron' distance of 110-yards. Two-time Horse of the Year **FIESTY ICON** makes his 10-year-old debut in the Sprint Series for owner and trainer Rick Kennedy of Landsdowne, ON. The remarkable gelding, a career winner of 22 races from 55 career starts with almost \$400,000 in earnings had another productive campaign in 2021, winning the Ontario Sires Maturity. The Ontario sired and bred son of Sugarman Perry also ended last year's campaign with a win in his first attempt at the 110-yard distance. Fiesty Icon starts from post position three with Tony Phillips riding.



**MARYLAND MAGIC** could be favoured based on his season-opener victory May 11 at the 110-yard distance, proving that this 8-year-old black stallion is as sharp as ever. A career winner of 14 races for owner Milena Kwiecien and trainer Jason Pascoe, Maryland Magic is extremely versatile, having won the 440-yard Alex Picov Memorial Championship last October. Maryland Magic, who also doubles as a sire in Ontario, had two of his 3-year-old offspring win races on May 18 at Ajax Downs. Ismael Mosquiera will ride from post seven.

The field is completed by one-time world record holder for 110-yards, **CARNEROS**, also owned by Kwiecien, plus **ZOXTOBEYOU**, **EYE AM THE EAGLE**, **PRETTY RUNAWAY** and **CHICKSDIGMYMONEYBAGS**.

Come out to Ajax Downs this Sunday and help us celebrate our fans and our incredible Ontario Quarter Horses! Keep up-to-date on the races and events at Ajax Downs at [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com) and follow us on @ajaxdowns on Twitter and Instagram. You can watch and wager on all the Ajax Downs races at [www.hpiabet.com](http://www.hpiabet.com) and the races are live-stream on our website and on our Facebook page.

A promotional banner for Ajax Downs Racetrack. The background is a photograph of a horse race in progress. Overlaid on the image is the text "Live Like The Gates Just Opened" in a large, bold, red, italicized font. Below this, in a smaller black font, is "Live Quarter Horse Racing May to October Wednesdays & One Sunday a Month & Thanksgiving Monday". At the bottom, it says "Watch our website for all this seasons events [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com)" followed by icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. On the left side of the banner is a circular logo for Ajax Downs Racetrack, established 1969.

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