



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Oh Baby! Ontario Bred 2-Year-Olds in Trials for \$60,000 Futurity



Quick Asa Hiccup (left with John McInerney riding) and Silver Lyring (Ryan McLellan) have a workout at Ajax Downs getting ready for their first career starts, June 15. LAURIE OVERTON PHOTO

AJAX DOWNS, JUNE 14, 2022 - Ontario Quarter Horse racing fans will get their first look at the new crop of **Ontario-bred 2-year-olds** in two Trials for the Ontario Bred Futurity at Ajax Downs this Wednesday, June 15. The top 10 fastest times from the two, eight-horse Trials will advance to the \$60,000 final on July 6.

Most of the youngsters entered in the Trials, which are races 3 and 4 on Wednesday at 300-yards, are making the first starts of their career including a five-pack from the barn of trainer Michelle Woodley of Hillsburgh, ON.

"It's exciting to have all five of our 2-year-olds in the Trials", said Woodley, who owns one of the starters with partner, former leading Ajax Downs jockey John McInerney, and trains the other four for Richard Wincikaby of New Liskeard.



"Three of them, the ones in the first Trial, were all born on our farm and the other two came to us as weanlings. So we have been working with all of them since they were young."

SOUR CANDY (post 3), **QUICK ASA HICCCUP** (6, Ed Walton riding), and **SILVER LYNING** (7, Tony Phillips up) compete in the first Trial for Woodley.

"Sour Candy has been the most challenging but he has talent. Cory (Spataro) worked him from the gate on May 25 and we liked how the two of them got along so Cory will ride him. Quick Asa Hiccup is the last foal from the good mare Eyesa Quick and he is very similar to his big brother Twixt of Fate, who won the 2020 Ontario Bred Futurity. And Silver Lyrning is our own horse and she is the first foal to race of our stakes winning mare Embrace Extravagence."

Also in the first Trial is the regally bred **HAD TO BE IVY**, owned by Carol and Jaime Robertson. The bay filly is a full sister to Horse of the Year Had to Be Ivory.

In the **second Trial**, Woodley sends out Wincikaby's pair of **FIRSTPRIZE CHARLOTTE** (post 2 with Spataro riding) and **DA ZOOM** (post 8 with Cassandra Jeschke up). Wincikaby bred both juveniles. "Firstprize Charlotte is a really nice filly and Da Zoom is a really cool, laid back gelding."

The second Trial has also lured **MAXIMIZE**, owned by Robert Bailey and trained by Jason Pascoe. Maximize has the benefits of a start under his belt as he was a close fifth in a maiden race at Remington Park in Oklahoma on April 15. Brian Bell will ride Maximize from post position 4.

First race post time for the seven-race card at Ajax Downs Wednesday is 1:30 p.m. Entries for the races can be found [here](#).

Admission to the track is free and you can watch and wager on the races at Ajax or through the betting platform www.hpibet.com. Keep up to date on news and events from Ajax Downs at www.ajaxdowns.com and follow us at @AjaxDowns on social media. Races are live-streamed on the track's website and Facebook page. For more information on how you can become a Quarter Horse owner or join a syndicate, contact the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario at www.qrooi.com.

Live Like The Gates Just Opened

Live Quarter Horse Racing May to October
Wednesdays & One Sunday a Month &
Thanksgiving Monday

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AJAX DOWNS RACETRACK

LIVE QUARTER HORSE RACING WEDNESDAYS,
ONE SUNDAY A MONTH & THANKSGIVING MONDAY

Race days: ■ First Race: Summer Wednesdays at 1:30pm
Sundays & Fall Wednesdays at 12:55pm

MAY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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JUNE						
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JULY						
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AUGUST						
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SEPTEMBER						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

OCTOBER						
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Events For The Whole Family!

WEDNESDAY RACE DATES 2022

Wednesday
May 11 & 18
1:30pm First Race

Wednesday
June 1, 8, 15 & 29
1:30pm First Race

Wednesday
July 6, 13, & 27
1:30pm First Race

Wednesday
August 3, 10, 17, & 31
1:30pm First Race

Wednesday
September 14, 21, 28
12:55pm First Race

Wednesday
October 5, 19, & 26
12:55pm First Race

SUNDAY RACE DATES 2022

Sunday May 22
Fan Appreciation Day
12:55pm First Race

Sunday June 19
Father's Day
12:55pm First Race

Sunday July 17
Craft Brewery Day
12:55pm First Race

Sunday August 21
Family Fun Day
12:55pm First Race

Sunday September 4
United Way Day
12:55pm First Race

Monday October 10
Pumpkin Day
12:55pm First Race

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