



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Ontario Bred stars Had to Be Ivory, Countrys Comin Bac Headline August 3 Feature at Ajax Downs



Had to Be Ivory edged Countrys Comin Bac (3) in the June 1 Picov Maturity and the pair square off in the August 3 feature (Clive Cohen/New Image Media)

AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 1, 2022 - Champion **HAD TO BE IVORY**, who is two for two this season, will attempt to keep the streak going when he shortens up in distance on August 3 at Ajax Downs. The featured fourth race of the afternoon is at 250-yards and is a \$15,000 allowance race for Ontario bred 3-year-olds and upward.

First race post time is 1:30 p.m.

Had to Be Ivory, owned and bred by Carol and Jaime Robertson and trained by Carol's husband Bryn, won the Picov Maturity at 300 yards in his 2022 opener and came back to win the first leg of the QROOI Distance Series at 400 yards on June 19. The large 7-year-old, who has 18 career wins in 24 races, has never raced shorter than 300 yards. Josh Scott will ride the 2019 Horse of the Year from post four.

COUNTRYS COMIN BAC, a 14-time career winner who was third in the Picov Maturity and then stumbled at the start of the Distance series, will be helped by the shorter distance. The 9-year-old has two wins from five tries at 250 yards. Owned by Ralph Pearson and trained by Don Reid, Countrys Comin Bac will be ridden by Cassandra Jeschke.



Also in the strong field is **MEMORY OF GRIFFIN**, a sensational winner of his 2022 opener on June 8, running away from a field and posting a career best 103 speed index for Erik and Joyce Lehtinen. Angelle Carter trains the 4-year-old and Tony Phillips will ride.

Stakes winner **COUNTRYFRIED CHICKEN**, owned by Milena Kwieciena and trained by Jason Pascoe starts from the rail with Brian Bell, and Steve Hunter's **Zoxtobeyou**, a short distance specialist with Norm DeSouza riding, completes the field.

The popular **Pick 5** wager starts on race 2 on Wednesday, a competitive \$10,000 maiden race at 300 yards.

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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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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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JUNE						
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JULY						
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AUGUST						
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28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER						
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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OCTOBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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