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## PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

### Fans Flock to Family Fun Day at Ajax Downs; Ivory Rolls Again



*The Had to Be Ivory team from left to right, Mike Robertson, Jaime Robertson, Had to Be Ivory, Zac Kennedy, Carol Robertson, Paul Sauve, and Cory Spataro. Trainer Bryn Robertson was absent. (New Image Media Photo, crowd photo by Laurie Overton)*

**AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 22, 2022** - Ajax Downs' popular **FAMILY FUN DAY** returned to the Quarter Horse track for the first time in three years on Sunday, August 21 and it was standing-room only for an afternoon of racing and fun events, kid's games and prizes with proceeds benefitting the Ajax Pickering Hospital.

The crowd roared for every race on the afternoon and wagered with enthusiasm and the highlight dash was the **11th running of the Ontario Bred Maturity** worth \$39,240. The country's top older horse **HAD TO BE IVORY** rolled to his fourth consecutive win in the 400-yard Maturity, overcoming a bump at the start and then surging past his tough rival Countrys Comin Bac to win by a long neck. The 7-year-old, bred and owned by Hillsburgh's Carol and Jaime Robertson, recorded yet another stellar clocking, speeding the distance in 19.779 for a 102 speed index.

Trained by Bryn Robertson, Had to Be Ivory was ridden by Cory Spataro, who was subbing for an absent Josh Scott. It was the 20th career win from 26 starts for the Ontario bred and he has earned over \$327,000.

"He was a pro as always," said Spataro. "When a horse beside him, Twixt of Fate, acted up, he got a bit scared so we had to reset the way he was standing. But then he broke like a rocket, I was bumped and then we had to re-rally. You can't ever count out Countrys Comin Bac but I feel like I had it with about 100 yards left."

Heading into the **next racing day at Ajax Downs, Wednesday, August 31**, there is an exciting four-way tie for leading jockey by victories. **BRIAN BELL, RAMIRO CASTILLO, TONY PHILLIPS, and ISMAEL**



MOSQUIERA all have 12 wins. Bell leads in Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario points with 154 over Castillo's 152. The points leader at the end of the racing season is honored with the leading rider trophy.

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Video replay of the Ontario Bred Maturity - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh\\_dmeXkdAY&t=532s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh_dmeXkdAY&t=532s)

# Live Like The Gates Just Opened



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

Watch our website for all this seasons events [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com)    



# 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

JUNE						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

AUGUST						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

OCTOBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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

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