



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

'Ivory' Coasts to 19th Career Win at Ajax Downs; Jockey Race Tightens Up



Champion Had to Be Ivory is 3 for 3 at Ajax Downs in 2022 and won the August 3 feature under Josh Scott with a huge 108 speed index (John Watkins photo)

AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 3, 2022 - Any doubt that champion **HAD TO BE IVORY** might have a bit of trouble shortening up to 250 yards in the August 3 feature at Ajax Downs was erased as fast as the big gelding broke from the gate. The Ontario-bred 7-year-old, owned and bred by Carol Robertson and daughter-in-law Jaime in Hillsburgh, had a very sharp start and was hand ridden to the finish by jockey Josh Scott. His time of 12.954 translated to a whopping 108 speed index.

"I thought maybe the 250 might be a bit tough for him as he prefers 400, 440 yards," said Scott. "But he just launched out of there and by that point I said, 'this will be fun'".

Trainer Bryn Robertson said he started Had to be Ivory in the shorter race as the gelding to get him sharpened up for the August 21 Ontario Bred Maturity at 400 yards. That race headlines the special Sunday card which is also the popular Family Day at Ajax Downs.



The victory was the 19th in 25 starts for the son of Ivory James - Had to Be Fandango. He has earned over \$307,000 and was the 2019 Horse of the Year at Ajax Downs.

*The jockey race has tightened up at Ajax Downs at the midway mark of the 2022 season. **Tony Philips** won on Barry Woods' Twixt of Fate on Wednesday to join Ismael Mosquera at the top of the standings with 10 victories. Brian Bell has nine wins and Ramiro Castillo has eight victories.

Quarter Horse racing continues Wednesday, August 10 with a 1:30 post time, and admission to the track is always free. Keep up to date on news and entries for Ajax Downs on social media and at www.ajaxdowns.com. To find out more about how you can own a Quarter Horse or join a syndicate, contact the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario at www.qrooi.com.

Video replay of Had to Be Ivory's win on August 3 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1ZeqgUerpl>

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



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
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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

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
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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