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### Had to Be Ivory Seeks To Keep Winning Streak Going Against Pascoe Army



Ajax Downs' leading older horse, **Had to Be Ivory**, will try to remain unbeaten in 2022 in the Sept. 21 Distances Series, Leg 2 (New Image Media photo)

**AJAX DOWNS, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022** - The second leg of the **\$20,000 QROOI Distance Series** at Ajax Downs on Wednesday, September 21 could have Horse of the Year ramifications as champion **HAD TO BE IVORY** takes on the top 3-year-old filly this year, **EYE LIVE FOR CANDY**, one of five entrants that leading trainer Jason Pascoe will start in the 440-yard feature.

First race post time on Wednesday is 12:55 p.m. and the forecast is for warm, summer-like temperatures.

Had to Be Ivory, the Ajax Downs Horse of the Year in 2019, is undefeated in four races in 2022, winning the Picov Maturity and Ontario Bred Maturity as well as the first leg of the QROOI Distance Series. The three-race Distance Series is completed by a 770-yard dash around one turn on October 26.

A 7-year-old Ontario bred for Carol and Jaime Robertson, Had to Be Ivory is better than ever this year and has been so sharp, trainer Bryn Robertson had to send him out for a recent workout over the Ajax Downs strip on September 7, speeding 220 yards in a quick 11.87. The big son of Ivory James, who will have regular rider Josh Scott on board, has yet to win at the 440-yard distance, however, after two previous attempts.

The match-up of Had to Be Ivory against EYE LIVE FOR CANDY is sure to be fascinating, A Wyoming bred owned by Burlington's Milena Kwiecien, the filly has won all four of her races at Ajax Downs in 2022



including the Princess Derby in June and the Picov Derby over the colts. This will be Eye Live for Candy's first try at 440-yards and she will have her usual rider Ismael Mosquera up.

Pascoe will also send out four others to try and upend Had to Be Ivory including Kwiecien's stakes stars **MARYLAND MAGIC** and **SPY FOR THE SENATE** and his own stakes winner **STREAKINLILWAGON**, a 4-year-old filly.

The QROOI Distances Series #2 is race six on the seven-race card. Fans in attendance will also be able to **enter a draw to win a share** in two horses (all expenses included) as part of the First Line Racing Syndicate for the 2023 racing season.

Admission to Ajax Downs is always free and fans can get up close to the racing action at the trackside picnic tables. You can also watch and wager on the Quarter Horse racing action through [www.hplibet.com](http://www.hplibet.com) and a live stream of the races is available on the Ajax Downs Facebook page.

An advertisement for Ajax Downs Racetrack. The top half features the slogan "Live Like The Gates Just Opened" in red, stylized text. Below it is a black and white photograph of several horses and jockeys racing on a track. To the left of the photo is the "AJAX DOWNS RACETRACK" logo. To the right of the photo, the text reads "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.