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### How Sweet It Is: Snow Magically Sweet Is 1st Stake Winners for Young Rider Alexis Sanchez



*Snow Magically Sweet, (shown with trainer Jason Pascoe) making just her second career start, won the \$58,095 Ontario Bred Futurity with young jockey Alexis Sanchez riding. New Image Media Photo.*

**AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 2, 2023** - Less than three months after obtaining his jockey license, 22-year-old **ALEXIS SANCHEZ** won his first stakes race when guiding the 2-year-old filly **SNOW MAGICALLY SWEET** to a nose victory in the \$58,095 Ontario Bred Futurity for 2-year-olds at Ajax Downs on August 2. In fact, the Futurity win on Milena Kwiecien's black filly was Sanchez's third winner on the seven-race card, a memorable day for the rider who has also won races on Thoroughbreds at Woodbine and Fort Erie.

The **4th running of the Ontario Bred Futurity** at 300-yards had a field of seven led by Trial winners Pretty Magicall, owned by Kwiecien and trained by Jason Pascoe and George Coleman's Sugar N Pride, trained by Bob Broadstock. The latter was made the even-money favourite by the fans watching and wagering on the Ajax Downs Quarter Horse races while his stablemate General Skywalker, was made the 7 to 2 second favourite.



Snow Magically Sweet, a fast closing third behind Pretty Magicall in her Trial win was sent off at 7 to 1 and was quick out of the gate and led a charge of five juveniles through the stretch run to the wire and prevailed by a whisker over Sugar N Pride, ridden by Rachael Isaacs with General Skywalker a head back in third and Pretty Magicall a nose behind in fourth.

The time of 15.969 was good for a 77 speed index.

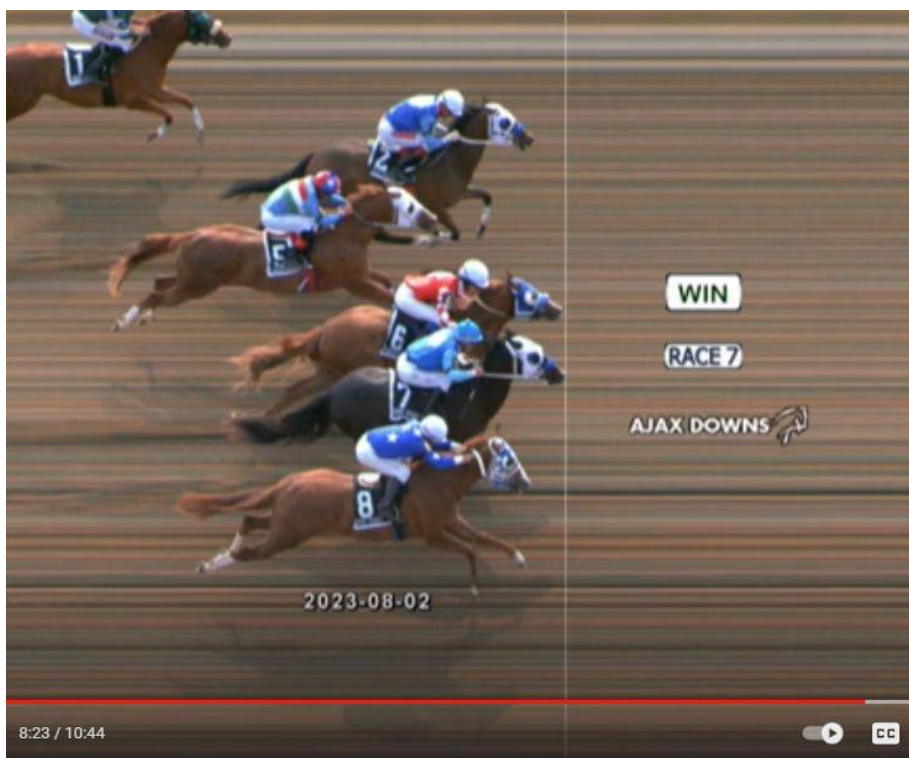
"I didn't really know anything about the filly," said Sanchez, whose father Ramiro Sanchez Castillo is a leading rider at Ajax. "I was just riding with confidence and riding for Jason and Milena, who gave me a chance to ride this filly."

Snow Magically Sweet became the **first stakes winner for her sire Maryland Magic**, who stands at Kwiecien's Snow Pony Farm in Burlington.

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\*Quarter Horse racing at Ajax Downs continues next **Wednesday, August 9 with the running of the Princess Derby** for 3-year-old fillies. The first race post time is 1:30 p.m. Follow Ajax Downs on social media for the latest news and events and be sure to visit [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com) for entries and results.

*Photo finish of the 4th running of the Ontario Bred Futurity shows #7 Snow Magically Sweet winning by a whisker over #6 Sugar N Pride.*



Video replay of the Ontario Bred Futurity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FsgDkIFeNM>

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