



PRESS RELEASE

Craft Beer and Cider Day, Battle of the Breeds at Ajax Downs July 21



There are eight Quarter Horse races on Craft Beer day this Sunday including the Battle of the Breeds, pitting Thoroughbreds versus Quarter Horses.

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AJAX DOWNS, JULY 19, 2024 - Ajax Downs will hold a special event Sunday on July 21, **CRAFT BEER AND CIDER Day**, with an eight-race card of Quarter Horse racing featuring local beer vendors, Lowlands Fire Food truck, the popular band Two for the Show and a T-shirt giveaway for each program purchase.

Fans can purchase beer sample tokens, which includes a \$5 betting voucher and a cooler bag for just \$20. There will also be prize giveaways including a foosball game cooler, Toronto Blue Jays tickets, a gas fire pit table, and a deck bench.

First race **post time on Sunday is 12:55 p.m.**

The race day begins with the **5th edition of the BATTLE OF THE BREEDS** at 770 yards pitting Quarter Horses versus Thoroughbreds and two of the entrants on Sunday have already won Battle races. **JESS A DEAL**, who holds the track record for 770 yards from her victory on May 29, is the 8 to 5 morning line favourite for owners Marie Broadstock and Picov Cattle Co. Ramiro Castillo will ride.

AZURES ROYALTY, winner of the first Battle of the Breeds, competes for owner Magen Fennessy while Makin an Effort and Ice Cream Cartel will get their first attempts around a turn.

The lone Thoroughbred in the field is Jeff Voyce and Herb McGirr, Jr.'s speedy **LION OF THE SEA**, a 5-time winner who comes in from Fort Erie. Currently, the Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds have two wins each in the series.

*There are **two, 350-yard Trials on the card for the \$50,000 Princess Derby** for 3-year-old fillies. John Wilson's **RBYEBYEBABY**, winner of the QROOI Open Derby and riding a three-race win streak, is favoured to win the first Trial which is race 5. The second Trial, race 6, is a wide open dash with Jennifer Zurowski's **TCB STORMY EPISODE**, trained by Joe Tavares, one of the contenders.

***Parking and admission** are always free at Ajax Downs. You can watch and wager on the races trackside or from the expansive simulcast room. Wagering is also available through www.HPIBET.com. Do you have a group or company event? Call ahead to reserve the trackside **VIP room** to enjoy food, drink, and mutuels. Want to get involved in Quarter Horse ownership? Contact the QROOI at 905 - 426-7050 for details.

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