



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Battle of the Breeds is Back!**



***Quarter Horses race Thoroughbreds down the backstretch at Ajax Downs in 2024.***

***Thoroughbreds won the series 4 to 3 last year. New Image Media Photo***

**AJAX DOWNS, MAY 27, 2025** - Come out to the Quarter Horse races early on Wednesday, May 28 to catch the return of the **popular Battle of the Breeds** at Ajax Downs. The first race on Wednesday, with a post time of 1:45 p.m., matches three Quarter horses against two Thoroughbreds at 770-yards, around a turn. After seven Battle of the Breeds races in 2024, the **Thoroughbreds are leading 4 wins to 3.**

The remarkable Quarter Horse mare **JESS A DEAL** is the Queen of the Battle of the Breeds as she won three times last season and was second and third in two others. She holds the track record for the distance of 41.15. Owned by Marie Broadstock and Picov Cattle Company, Jess a Deal is a 9-year-old Texas bred by Dealagame, trained by Bob Broadstock. She has won 11 of 47 career races and this will be her first start of 2025. Ramiro Castillo is her regular rider.

The two Thoroughbreds facing Jess a Deal are both trained by Fort Erie racetrack's leading conditioner Julie Mathes. **DETERMINED LOVE**, owned by Sovereign Award winning owner Bruno Schickedanz is a short distance specialist who has 14 career wins and this will be her first race of the season. Ismael Mosqueira is named to ride.

Mathes is also sending the mare **CHERRY GARDENS** to the battle of the Breeds for her husband Dave Mathes. Cherry Gardens comes off a win in her season opener at Mountaineer Park on May 6 at 4 1/2 furlongs. Tony Phillips will ride.

The Battle of the Breeds field is completed by **ICE CREAM CARTEL**, who was fourth in her only attempt at the 770 yard distance and **AZURES ROYALTY**, who won the first pari-mutuel Battle of the Breeds race in 2023.

There are eight races on Wednesday's card at Ajax Downs including the first **GRIDIRON GALLOP** of the year, the shortest Quarter Horse race at 110 yards.

Admission and parking are always free at Ajax Downs. You can watch and wager on our exciting races trackside, up close to the action, at our picnic tables, visit the expansive simulcast room or wager through [www.HPIBet.com](http://www.HPIBet.com).

For more information, entries, news and how to reserve the VIP room for your group, visit [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com).

If you want to get involved in **owning a Quarter Horse**, contact the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario at 905- 426-7050.

# 2025 RACE SCHEDULE

## LIVE QUARTER HORSE RACING

### RACING & EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE ~FAMILY~

MAY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

JUNE						
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	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

JULY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

AUGUST						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	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
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

SEPTEMBER						
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	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

OCTOBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**RACE DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY**  
MAY 7, 14, 21, 28  
First Race 1:45 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
JUNE 4, 11, 25  
First Race 1:45 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
JULY 9, 16, 30  
First Race 1:45 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
AUGUST 6, 13, 20  
First Race 1:45 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 10, 17, 24  
First Race 12:55 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
OCTOBER 1, 8, 22  
First Race 12:55 P.M.

**Special Events!**

**FATHER'S DAY**  
SUNDAY JUNE 15  
First Race 12:55 P.M.

**TWILIGHT RACE NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY JULY 2  
First Race 4:15 P.M.

**CRAFT BEER DAY**  
SUNDAY JULY 20  
First Race 12:55 P.M.

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
SUNDAY AUGUST 24  
First Race 12:55 P.M.

**PUMPKIN DAY**  
MONDAY OCTOBER 13  
First Race 12:55 P.M.

**ALL SUNDAYS & HOLIDAY MONDAYS**  
**FIRST RACE 12:55 P.M.**

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