

PRESS RELEASE

Had to Be Ivory Rolls To Another Ontario Bred Maturity Win



Showers for the hero: Champion Had to Be Ivory after his 31st victory, which came in the Ontario Bred Maturity at Ajax Downs on July 16.

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AJAX DOWNS, JULY 16, 2025 - Trainer Bryn Robertson wasn't certain if his family's superstar Quarter Horse **HAD TO BE IVORY** would be ready to tackle the 400 yards of the **ONTARIO BRED MATURITY** at Ajax Downs on July 16 since the 10-year-old champion had just one 110-yard dash under his belt this season. But the two-time Horse of the Year, under jockey Ismael Mosqueira, made it look easy as he broke fast from the rail post and

was never challenged, winning by half a length over his younger full sister Had to Be Ivy in a time of 19.945 for a 98 speed index.

This was the fifth time Had to Be Ivory, owned by Carol and Jaime Robertson, has won the Ontario Bred Maturity, which offered a total purse of \$40,140. Had to Be Ivory was winning for the 31st time in his career from 41 starts and he boosted his earnings to \$499,065, making him the richest Ontario bred Quarter Horse in history.

"I wasn't sure if he could go the 400-yard distance [in just his second race of the year]," said Robertson. "He actually was off this week with a little abscess in his foot, but that cleared up. He ran super. He broke fast out of the gate, and they weren't catching him."

Had to Be Ivory, by Ivory James - Had to Be Fandango, was hammered down by the bettors to odds of just 1 to 9 and he paid \$2.20 to win.

(Photo - Had to Be ivory sails home in the Ontario Bred Maturity - New Image Media Photo)



Mosqueira, the leading rider by wins at Ajax Downs, won three races during the afternoon to go to 18 wins for the season.

Also on Wednesday was the **\$51,480 ONTARIO BRED FUTURITY** for 2-year-olds at 300-yards and the winner was **SNOW FUN N FANCY**, a grey filly by PYC Fun N Fancy from the mare Taxing Queen Creek, owned and bred by Milena Kwiecien of Burlington. Snow Fun N Fancy was making her career debut and was ridden by Brian Bell, who won the first three races on Wednesday, bringing his total wins to 15.

*Ajax Downs hosts a **special event Sunday on July 20, its annual CRAFT BEER DAY** with Quarter Horse racing beginning at 12:55 p.m., samples of local craft breweries, live music from The Blackstones and prizes.

*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. To **reserve tables in advance for \$25** or book the VIP room for your party or group, contact www.ajaxdowns.com.

There is also an expansive simulcast wagering room with tellers or you can wager through www.HPIBet.com.

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

Ontario Bred Maturity Replay - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1y5f8v5Ymp4>

Ontario Bred Futurity Replay - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAHTY3bkJ8s>



2025 RACE SCHEDULE

LIVE QUARTER HORSE RACING

**RACING & EVENTS
FOR THE WHOLE
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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
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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
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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AUGUST						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

SEPTEMBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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OCTOBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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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.

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FIRST RACE 12:55 P.M.**

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