

PRESS RELEASE

Last Cold Bud is a rising star; Jockey Race is close; Ajax Downs July 30



Belinda Taggart's Ontario sired and bred Last Cold Bud and jockey Christian Benitez headline July 30 Ajax Downs' feature race.

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AJAX DOWNS, JULY 29, 2025 - Ontario Quarter Horse racing has reached the midway point of its 2025 meeting at AJAX DOWNS, and there are eight races lined up for this Wednesday, July 30, with a 1:45 p.m. post time.

After 12 race dates, the jockey race for most wins is heated with **ISMAEL MOSQUERIA** leading with 18 victories and **BRIAN BELL** close by with 17 wins. Tony Phillips is third with 11. **JASON PASCOE** leads all trainers with 20 wins over **BRYN ROBERTSON**, who has 12, and **JAMES BOGAR** with 11.

On the leading owners list, **CAROL** and **JAIME ROBERTSON** have won 12 races and **MILENA KWIECIEN** has 10 wins.

Wednesday's featured **race 4 kicks off the popular PICK 5 wager** with a base bet of just 20 cents. The 330-yard allowance race is for Ontario-bred 3-year-olds and upward and the exciting **LAST COLD BUD** is seeking his third win of the season. The son of successful **Ontario stallion Cold Hard Dash** is a half-brother to 2010 Horse of the Year One Kool Wave and the bay speedster has blossomed in 2025.

Owned and bred by Belinda Taggart, Last Cold Bud's most recent win, on July 9, was very impressive as the bay speedster stumbled at the start but still was up to win under jockey Christian Benitez. Last Cold Bud is trained by Scott Reid.

Last Cold Bud's main competition could come from **SWEET KARA**, named for Ajax Downs' head of racetrack administration and events, Kara Ferguson. Sweet Kara, one of five winners for her Ontario sire **Caviar and Corona** this year, posted her best career speed index of 91 in her most recent start, when third in a tough speed index race. Owned by Picov Cattle Company, Sweet Kara is trained by Jason Pascoe.

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 bet through www.HPIBet.com.

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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
26	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

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 1:45 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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