



PRESS RELEASE

Game Favorite In a Thriller and Mosqueira Wins Three, Naturally



Four-horse flying finish at Ajax Downs on July 30 and the winner was Ruth Barbour's GAME FAVORITE (6) and jockey Tony Phillips.

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AJAX DOWNS, JULY 31, 2025 - It has been three years since Ruth Barbour retired her multiple champion Quarter Horse Country Boy 123, but last fall, the Hillsburgh, ON veterinarian and horse owner went shopping at an Oklahoma horse sale. She came home with **GAME FAVORITE**, a \$10,000 (US) purchase, who is becoming another exciting horse for his new owner.

On July 30 at Ajax Downs on a sunny and sheltering afternoon, Game Favourite won his third race from four starts in 2025 for Barbour, posting a mild upset in the day's featured race. The lone 3-year-old in the 300-yard dash turned on the jets in the late stages of the race under jockey Tony Phillips to win a four-horse photo finish by a neck. Game Favourite raced the distance in 15.574 for a strong 91 speed index. His only Ajax Downs loss came in his most recent race when he encountered some traffic trouble.

"This horse has a lot of energy," said Phillips. "Last time, the space was very tight, and he was a bit iffy going through there. But he was only beaten half a length."

Game Favourite, Barbour and Phillips were greeted in the winner's circle by a visiting group, Della Pia Family and friends, as well as representatives from **Girls Inc. of Durham**, a group that offers girls programs and camps while encouraging them to become leaders.

*Jockey **ISMAEL MOSQUEIRA** posted a natural hat trick with three consecutive riding victories to boost his yearly total to 21. Mosqueira won the second race on Senator Rose, the third race aboard Ice Witch, and the fourth on Sweet Kara.

*RACING CONTINUES at Ajax Downs next **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, with the \$50,000 PRINCESS DERBY** headlining the card of racing.

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.

Video replay and interview Game

Favorite: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJVH1CRt33U>

2025 RACE SCHEDULE
LIVE QUARTER HORSE RACING

RACING & EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE ~FAMILY~

AJAX DOWNS

MAY							JUNE							
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	

JULY							AUGUST							
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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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