

PRESS RELEASE

Sassies Best Takes Mayor's Cup at Ajax Downs



Ajax Mayor Shaun Collier (fourth from left) presents a \$1,500 cheque to Sassies Best (with trainer Scott Reid) who won the Mayor's Cup at Ajax Downs on Sept. 17. Mayor Collier was joined by Town Councillors Nancy Henry (second from left), Sterling Lee and Marilyn Crawford (trophy).

Ajax Downs, September 17, 2025 - SASSIES BEST streaked to victory in the annual **Mayor's Cup at Ajax Downs on Wednesday, September 17**, continuing a tradition that started eight years ago, which celebrates Quarter Horse racing and its place in the town of Ajax and the surrounding community.

The Mayor's Cup adds \$1,500 to the purse for the winner of the designated race, this year won by Sassies Best, a 3-year-old filly owned by John Wilson of New Liskeard and trained by Scott Reid. Christian Benitez was the winning rider.

Mayor Shaun Collier was in attendance to present the Mayor's Cup cheque to the connections of Sassies Best.

"Today is a celebration of our community spirit and the vibrant tradition of horse racing that brings us all together," said Collier.

"Ajax Downs has been an integral part of the Ajax community since 1969; it's more than a racetrack, it's a gathering place that gives us a sense of pride and belonging that is unique to Ajax."

Wednesday was also a special event day for **UNIFOR and some 700 retired members of Local 222** who enjoyed a sunny and warm day at the races. Members of UNIFOR joined **ICE CREAM CARTEL** in the winner's circle after the grey mare won the fourth race for Marie and Bob Broadstock.

A full house at Ajax Downs also saw the Thoroughbred **SEA TO AIR** win the Battle of the Breeds race at

770 yards over the Quarter Horse Jess a Deal. Sea to Air, who is based at Fort Erie, is owned by Robin Voyce, Malinda Schuit and Guadalupe Garcia and trained by Jeff Voyce. Ajax Downs' leading rider Ismael Mosqueira rode Sea to Air and he also won two races on the afternoon.

Also winning two races on the day were 2024 champion jockey Brian Bell and JB Botello.



The Thoroughbred Sea to Air (left) gets ready to pass Quarter Horse Jess a Deal in the Battle of the Breeds, around a turn at 770 yards.

RACING CONTINUES at Ajax Downs next Wednesday, September 24, with a first race post time of 12:55 p.m.

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.

