

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Big Card at Ajax Downs Wednesday: Can Anyone Defeat Had to Be Fabulous?**



***Ontario bred filly, shown winning her Picov Derby Trial on Aug. 24, has been unbeatable in 2025.***

***Laurie Overton Photo***

**AJAX DOWNS, SEPTEMBER 9 2025** - - One of the biggest days of the Ajax Downs season takes place this **Wednesday, September 10** with the 13th running of the **Norman Picov Derby for 3-year-olds**. The 400-yard dash has a purse of \$59,310 and has the ten fastest finalists from two Trials in the field.

Also on Wednesday as part of a big, nine-race card, is the **\$54,045 Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity** for 2-year-olds sired by local stallions.

First race post time on Wednesday is 12:55 p.m.

The big question regarding the prestigious Picov Derby (Race 9) is whether one of the nine rivals can find a way to get past the incredible Ontario bred filly **HAD TO BE FABULOUS** who has won eight consecutive races and three stakes events in 2025.

The unassuming, plain bay filly won the slightly faster Trial for owners and breeders Carol and Jaime Robertson and trainer Bryn Robertson on Aug. 24 despite a step-slow start under jockey Ismael Mosqueira. Another filly, Kissin Ella and the late running Peightmeadiamond closed ground to finish a close second and third.

**LAST COLD BUD** posted a 9 to 1 upset when winning the other Derby Trial for owner and breeder Belinda Taggart and trainer Scott Reid. Ridden by Christian Benitez, Last Cold Bud won by a nose over a fast-finishing Nadir and Elvis the Famous.

Coincidentally, Had to Be Fabulous and Last Cold Bud line up beside each other in the starting gate in posts 9 and 10.

Last year's winner of the Norman Picov Derby was the Scott Reid-trained Rbyebyebaby, the third filly to win the race in the last four years.

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](http://www.ajaxdowns.com).

There is also an expansive simulcast wagering room with tellers, or you can wager through [www.HPIBet.com](http://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.

### **13th NORMAN PICOV DERBY - 400 YARDS**

#### **RACE 9, Sept. 10, Ajax Downs Post Horse Where Foaled Jockey Trainer Odds**

##### **Post - Horse - Where Foaled - Jockey - Trainer - Odds**

1 Stolin Secrets (ON)	C Jeschke	C Bourgeois	15/1
2 Game Favorite (IN)	T Phillips	R Barbour	8/1
3 Kissin Ella (OK)	J B Botello	J Pascoe	4/1
4 The Batmann (ON)	A Sanchez	S Reid	10/1
5 Sassies Best (TX)	J Amb. Medina	S Reid	12/1
6 Peightmeadiamond (ON)	B Bell	J Tavares	8/1
7 Elvis the Famous (ON)	R S Castillo	B Robertson	10/1
8 Nadir (NM)	D A Garcia	J Tavares	6/1
9 Had to Be Fabulous (ON)	I Mosqueira	B Robertson	3/1
10 Last Cold Bud (ON)	C Benitez	S Reid	7/2