

FORT ERIE - June 29, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2026 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$4,000 (Colts And Geldings Preferred)(*Plus Up To \$540 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$4,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Set in Stone - 1:08.18 - June 15, 2010)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$15,300

Includes: \$3,060 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards

Includes: \$2,040 State Bred

Available Money: \$15,300

Value of Race: \$13,668 (US\$9,630) 1st \$7,956 (US\$5,606) , 2nd \$2,652 (US\$1,869) , 3rd \$1,326 (US\$934) , 4th \$612 (US\$431) , 5th \$622 (US\$438) , 6th \$500 (US\$352)

Weather: Cloudy, 86° C **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:35 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Jun26 ¹ FE ⁵	5	Commander Joe (Vanek, Helen)	124	L	bf	5 1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3/4}	3.40	3-path str, held sway
14Jun26 ¹ FE ³	4	Cantucci (Cheyne, Brian)	124	b		4 3	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ²	2 ^{5 1/2}	5.70	vied str, 2nd best
14Jun26 ⁸ FE ⁶	2	Where Is Essa (Crawford, Juan)	124	L	f	2 6	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	0.70*	off slow, needed more
21Oct25 ⁷ FE ⁵	1	Thelonious (Alderson, Jeffrey)	124	L	f	1 4	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	9.85	roused, no real threat
31May26 ² FE ⁶	6	Action Point (David, Michael)	124	L		6 2	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	8.55	4-p str, not a factor
3Mar26 ⁴ MVR ⁵	3	Bongino (Salles, Leo)	124	L	b	3 5	6	6	6	6	17.15	off pace, no impact

Fractional Times: 23.08 45.69 57.62

Final Time: 1:10.19 **Time from Gate:** 1:11.76

Split Times: (22:61) (11:93) (12:57)

Run-Up: 38 feet

Winner: Commander Joe, Chestnut Horse, by Giant Gizmo out of Blonde Miss, by Langfuhr. Foaled Apr 13, 2018 in ON.

Breeder: Philip Healey & Donna Healey

Owner: Nick Guy Mileni, Jr.

Trainer: Mileni, Jr., Nick

1 Claimed Horse(s): Cantucci New Trainer: George Newland New Owner: Bailey Ann Spin

Claiming Prices: 5 - Commander Joe: \$4,000; 4 - Cantucci: \$4,000; 2 - Where Is Essa: \$4,000; 1 - Thelonious: \$4,000; 6 - Action Point: \$4,000; 3 - Bongino: \$4,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$33,824

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Commander Joe	8.80	5.30	2.60	\$0.20 Triactor	5-4-2	7.35	14,788
4	Cantucci		4.90	2.80	\$1.00 Exactor	5-4	17.95	23,682
2	Where Is Essa			2.10	\$0.20 Superfecta	5-4-2-1	27.51	11,103

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Commander Joe	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3/4}
4	Cantucci	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}
2	Where Is Essa	6	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁴	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{6 1/4}
1	Thelonious	4	4 ^{1 3/4}	4 ⁵	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{7 3/4}
6	Action Point	2	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ⁵	5 ^{10 1/4}
3	Bongino	5	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{6 3/4}	6 ⁵	6 ^{10 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 4 - Mathes, Julie; 2 - Ceccato, Sharon; 1 - Smith, Kenneth; 6 - Cathcart, Steven; 3 - Mileni, Jr., Nick

Owners: 5 -Nick Guy Mileni, Jr.; 4 -David J. Mathes; 2 - Vetere, Jim, Green, Michael Thomas and Ceccato, Sharon; 1 -Ashley Palmer; 6 -Andrew V. Weymes; 3 -Bruno Schickedanz;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

COMMANDER JOE set a pressured pace, had a slim lead on the turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch held sway. CANTUCCI forced the early pace, dueled from the inside on the turn and vied through the stretch but was second best. WHERE IS ESSA was off slow and hustled along on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch needed more. THELONIOUS was in touch and roused from the inside on the turn but was no real threat. ACTION POINT was unhurried early and raced evenly on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch was not a factor. BONGINO was off the pace and saved ground on the turn but had no impact.