

FORT ERIE - August 31, 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 \$6,250, if for \$6,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility)(Waiver Claiming Exempt) (Colts And Geldings Preferred)(*Plus Up To \$540 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$6,250 - \$6,000
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: \$24,375
Includes: \$4,875 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards
Includes: \$3,250 State Bred
Available Money: \$24,375
Value of Race: \$16,738 (US\$12,034) 1st \$9,750 (US\$7,010) , 2nd \$3,250 (US\$2,337) , 3rd \$2,113 (US\$1,519) , 4th \$975 (US\$701) , 5th \$650 (US\$467)
Weather: Cloudy, 68° C **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 12:19 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
29Jun26 ¹ FE ⁶	3	Bongino (David, Michael)	122	L b	3	4	¹ / ₂	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head	37.40	3-p str, fought gamely
17Aug26 ¹ FE ⁴	2	Cantucci (Mosqueira, Ismael)	124	b	2	3	² / ₁ ²	² / ₁ ²	² ¹ / ₂	² ³ / ₄	4.50	vied str, outgunned
18Aug26 ¹ FE ²	5	Blue Max (Johnson, Kirk)	122	b	5	2	⁴ ² / ₁ ²	⁴ ¹ / ₂	⁴ Head	³ Head	3.00	6-p str, up for show
17Aug26 ¹ FE ²	1	Bingo's Grind (Vanek, Helen)	124	L bf	1	5	5	5	5	⁴ Head	0.55*	4-p str, needed more
24Aug26 ³ FE ⁴	4	Attestation (Reyes, Luis)	122	L bf	4	1	³ / ₁ ²	³ ¹ / ₂	³ ¹	5	8.00	5-p str, leveled off

Fractional Times: 23.19 46.96 59.05 **Final Time:** 1:11.81 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.44
Split Times: (23:77) (12:09) (12:76)
Run-Up: 38 feet

Winner: Bongino, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by War Dancer out of Whatatimetobealive, by Put It Back. Foaled May 03, 2020 in ON.
Breeder: Tara Horse Farm
Owner: Bruno Schickedanz
Trainer: Mileni, Jr., Nick

Claiming Prices: 3 - Bongino: \$6,000; 2 - Cantuucci: \$6,250; 5 - Blue Max: \$6,000; 1 - Bingo's Grind: \$6,250; 4 - Attestation: \$6,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$24,978

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Bongino	76.80	34.60	16.60	\$0.20 Triactor	3-2-5	69.12	8,783
2	Cantucci		5.90	4.60	\$1.00 Exactor	3-2	150.10	12,743
5	Blue Max			3.20	\$0.20 Superfecta	3-2-5-1	244.04	6,323

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Bongino	4	¹ / ₂	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head
2	Cantucci	3	² / ₁ ²	² Head	² Head	² Head
5	Blue Max	2	⁴ ¹ / ₂	⁴ ²	⁴ ² / ₁ ²	³ ³ / ₄
1	Bingo's Grind	5	⁵ ⁴	⁵ ³ / ₁ ²	⁵ ² / ₃ ⁴	⁴ ³ / ₁ ²
4	Attestation	1	³ ¹	³ / ₁ ²	³ ¹ / ₂	⁵ ³ / ₁ ²

Trainers: 3 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 2 - Bird, Alan; 5 - Buttigieg, Kevin; 1 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 4 - Humber, Joseph

Owners: 3 -Bruno Schickedanz; 2 -Alan Bird; 5 -Kevin Buttigieg; 1 -Nick Guy Mileni, Jr.; 4 -Joy K. Elkins;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BONGINO set a pressured pace, had a slim lead on the turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch fought gamely for the win. CANTUCCI showed speed from the inside, forced the pace on the turn and vied through the stretch but was outgunned. BLUE MAX was in touch, roused on the turn and from the six path at the top of the stretch was up for show. BINGO'S GRIND was unhurried early and had a mild gain on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch needed more. ATTESTATION was away alertly and a factor on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch leveled off.