

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - January 2, 2026 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE JUNE 30. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since November 30 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000 (Races Where Entered For \$4,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances) (Winners since June 30 Preferred)(Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (NW2 6M)
Claiming Price: \$5,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Altissimo - 1:08.63 - December 27, 2017)
Purse: \$13,000
Plus: \$1,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$14,000
Value of Race: \$13,000 1st \$7,800, 2nd \$2,600, 3rd \$1,300, 4th \$650, 5th \$390, 6th \$130, 7th \$130
Weather: Snowing, 22° **Track:** Good
Off at: 2:35 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Dec25 ⁶ MVR ⁴	5	Blue Max (Diaz, Angel)	124	b	5	2	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 1/2}	4.40	loomed 5-6w,drew clear
7Dec25 ⁶ MNR ⁴	1	Boudin (Tapara, Brandon)	124	L	1	5	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ³	2.20	press 2-3w,2nd best
18Dec25 ⁵ MVR ³	6	Dream Knight (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	124	L b	6	7	7	6 ²	6 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	2.90	stmbld st,swung widest
11Dec25 ⁷ MVR ²	4	Thanks Frank (Rivera, Luis)	124	L bf	4	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2.10*	pace 2p,faded 1/8
10Nov25 ⁴ MVR ⁶	2	Mshindi (Crispin, Alexander)	124	L bf	2	4	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3/4}	23.00	well placed,gave way
18Dec25 ⁴ MVR ⁷	3	Land Mark Deal (Greenidge, Elijah)	119	L b	3	6	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	6 ^{1 1/4}	27.10	off bit slow,no factor
20Dec25 ⁶ MVR ⁶	7	Bucket List (Batista, Luis)	124	L b	7	1	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	7	10.60	chase 3-4w,weakened

Fractional Times: 23.01 46.19 58.48 **Final Time:** 1:10.71
Split Times: (23:18) (12:29) (12:23)
Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Blue Max, Chestnut Gelding, by Silver Max out of She's Stella Marie, by Leroidesanimaux (BRZ). Foaled Apr 03, 2018 in California.
Breeder: Adena Springs
Owner: Kevin Buttigieg
Trainer: Buttigieg, Kevin

Voided Claims: Thanks Frank(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 5 - Blue Max: \$5,000; 1 - Boudin: \$5,000; 6 - Dream Knight: \$5,000; 4 - Thanks Frank: \$5,000; 2 - Mshindi: \$5,000; 3 - Land Mark Deal: \$5,000; 7 - Bucket List: \$5,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Mexitexaornia (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$20,616

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Blue Max	10.80	4.60	2.80	\$0.50 Pick 3	8-2-5 (3 correct)	30.30	3,586
1	Boudin		4.80	3.60	\$2.00 Daily Double	2-5	25.00	1,923
6	Dream Knight			2.40	\$2.00 Exacta	5-1	52.40	19,050
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-1-6-4	19.58	9,772
					\$0.50 Trifecta	5-1-6	47.95	13,524

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Blue Max	2	5 ³	5 ^{1 3/4}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 1/2}
1	Boudin	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{3 1/2}
6	Dream Knight	7	7 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{5 3/4}	6 ^{4 3/4}	3 ^{6 1/2}
4	Thanks Frank	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{6 3/4}
2	Mshindi	4	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 3/4}	5 ^{8 1/4}
3	Land Mark Deal	6	6 ⁷	7 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}	6 ⁹
7	Bucket List	1	3 ²	3 ¹	5 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{10 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Buttigieg, Kevin; 1 - Bernardini, Jay; 6 - Vecchio, Caryn; 4 - Rone, Michael; 2 - Faulkner, Rodney; 3 - Faulkner, Rodney; 7 - Mahan, Joseph

Owners: 5 -Kevin Buttigieg; 1 -Courtney Wolfe; 6 -Caryn Vecchio; 4 -Michael L. Rone; 2 - R and P Racing Stables LLC; 3 - R and P Racing Stables LLC; 7 -James R. Moore;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BLUE MAX rated nicely off of the early pace, swung to the outside of rivals into the turn, was asked for run five to six wide to upper stretch, loomed into the lane then took command at the furlong pole, powered home in the late stages and drew clear for a convincing win. BOUDIN broke in at the start and was off a step slowly, was asked for early run and pressed the pace two wide into the turn, dueled for command three wide at the quarter marker, battled into the stretch, could not match strides with the winner heading to the final sixteenth but kept on to be second best. DREAM KNIGHT stumbled at the start and was off slowly, unhurried along the backstretch, coaxed outside of rivals along the turn then swung six wide to the stretch, needed more in the lane but ran on to get up for third at the wire. THANKS FRANK was hustled for the early lead, assumed command and set a pressured pace into the turn, dueled off of the rail nearing the quarter marker then battled from the two path into upper stretch, could not keep pace into the final furlong, faded late and was tagged in the final strides for third. MSHINDI settled in the early stages while not far back, was well placed while saving ground into the turn, could not find the needed response nearing the furlong grounds and gave way in the late stages. LAND MARK DEAL got shuffled at the start and broke a bit slowly, was unhurried to the turn, trailed to the quarter marker and did not factor in the drive. BUCKET LIST broke alertly, ceded the early lead then tracked outside of rivals along the backstretch, chased three to four wide heading to the quarter marker, could not keep pace into upper stretch then weakened in the drive.