

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - January 5, 2026 - Race 4

EQUIBASE

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 5 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000 (Races Where Entered For \$4,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances). **Claiming**

Price: \$5,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Altissimo - 1:08.63 - December 27, 2017)

Purse: \$15,400

Plus: \$1,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$16,400

 [Video Race Replay](#)

Value of Race: \$15,400 1st \$9,240, 2nd \$3,080, 3rd \$1,540, 4th \$770, 5th \$462, 6th \$308

Weather: Cloudy, 38° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 1:47 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
18Dec25	6	MVR ³	3	Poppy's Pride (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	124	L b	3 5	1 ²	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1.00* speed,dug in, lasted
1Dec25	6	MVR ¹	6	Game Boy Benny (Barbaran, Erik)	124	L bf	6 1	3 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{4 3/4}	4.60 3-4w,willingly,missed
23Dec25	3	MVR ⁷	4	Ernie's Martini (Keiser, Chelsey)	124	L f	4 6	5 1/2	4 ^{Head}	6	3 ^{1/2}	6.40 sqzd st,swung 5-6wd
11Dec25	7	MVR ³	2	Stay Thirsty Amigo (Bracho, Jose)	124	L	2 4	6	6	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	10.90 gain 2wd,outkicked
18Dec25	6	MVR ⁴	1	Shivaree (Chavez, Alexander)	124	L	1 3	4 ² 1/2	5 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{3/4}	3.20 inside,no response
23Dec25	3	MVR ³	5	Me and Chili (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L b	5 2	2 1/2	3 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	6	8.10 chased 2wd,gave way

Fractional Times: 22.71 45.58 58.15

Final Time: 1:11.19

Split Times: (22:87) (12:57) (13:04)

Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Poppy's Pride, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Khozan out of Lovely Lexi, by With Distinction. Foaled Apr 14, 2018 in Florida.

Breeder: Stonehedge LLC

Owner: Caryn Vecchio

Trainer: Vecchio, Caryn

Claiming Prices: 3 - Poppy's Pride: \$5,000; 6 - Game Boy Benny: \$5,000; 4 - Ernie's Martini: \$5,000; 2 - Stay Thirsty Amigo: \$5,000; 1 - Shivaree: \$5,000; 5 - Me and Chili: \$5,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$31,306

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Poppy's Pride	4.00	2.60	2.40	\$0.50 Pick 3	3-4-3 (3 correct)	33.00	9,967
6	Game Boy Benny		4.80	3.00	\$2.00 Daily Double	4-3	78.00	6,076
4	Ernie's Martini			3.80	\$2.00 Exacta	3-6	20.60	25,509
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-6-4-2	13.33	8,482
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-6-4	23.10	14,069

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Poppy's Pride	5	1 ²	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}
6	Game Boy Benny	1	3 ² 1/2	2 1/2	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}
4	Ernie's Martini	6	5 ⁵ 1/2	4 ³	6 ⁴	3 ^{4 3/4}
2	Stay Thirsty Amigo	4	6 ⁶	6 ⁴ 1/4	5 ³ 1/2	4 ^{5 1/4}
1	Shivaree	3	4 ³	5 ³ 1/4	4 ³	5 ^{6 3/4}
5	Me and Chili	2	2 ²	3 1/2	3 1/2	6 ^{7 1/2}

Trainers: 3 - Vecchio, Caryn; 6 - Bernardini, Jay; 4 - Buttigieg, Kevin; 2 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 1 - Rivera, Nestor; 5 - Juarez-Mendoza, Rey

Owners: 3 - Caryn Vecchio; 6 - Bernardini, Jay P., Burnsworth, Richard and Buyea, Kristina; 4 - Kevin Buttigieg; 2 - Samuel Klein, Jr. LLC; 1 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 5 - Rey Juarez-Mendoza;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

POPPY'S PRIDE hustled away from the start, showed good speed and assumed command in the early going, controlled the pace to the turn, carved out a solid pace to the quarter marker, led while off of the rail into upper stretch, dug in while all out into the final furlong, held off the oncoming runner-up in deep stretch and lasted for the win at the wire. GAME BOY BENNY tracked the early pace three deep and from the second flight, was well placed to the turn and stalked the pacesetter nearing the quarter marker, spun four wide to upper stretch, closed willingly through the final furlong, pressured POPPY'S PRIDE in deep stretch and just missed for the win, while besting the rest. ERNIE'S MARTINI squeezed and shuffled back at the start, was last away from the gate then advanced outside of rivals approaching the turn, swung five to six wide to upper stretch, could not muster a final response in deep stretch but got up in time to earn the show honors. STAY THIRSTY AMIGO took back early on, trailed to the turn, roused two wide to upper stretch and made a steady gain into the final furlong, was outkicked in the final sixteenth and just missed at the wire for third. SHIVAREE prominent away from the gate, rated off of the early pace and tracked from the inside heading to the turn, dropped back nearing the quarter marker, chased from the inside into upper stretch, angled off of the rail in the final sixteenth but could not muster the needed response. ME AND CHILI veered in at the start and crowded inner rivals, recovered and chased the early pace from between rivals, ran in pursuit two wide to the quarter pole, chased to upper stretch, could not find more into the final furlong then gave way in deep stretch.