

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - January 6, 2026 - Race 3



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 6 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$8,000 (Races Where Entered For \$7,500 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances) (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). **Claiming Price:** \$8,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Who Da Boss - 1:34.95 - December 2, 2024)
Purse: \$17,600
Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$19,200
Value of Race: \$17,600 1st \$10,560, 2nd \$3,520, 3rd \$1,760, 4th \$880, 5th \$528, 6th \$176, 7th \$176
Weather: Showery, 44° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 1:13 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Oct25 ⁶ MVR ⁵	6	Only Get'n Better (Bowen, Rocco)	124	L b	6	5	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}	5.80	left lead,up btwn foes
18Dec25 ⁶ MVR ²	4	Colonel Poppy (Tapara, Brandon)	124	L	4	3	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁷	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	5.50	3-4wd turns,closed
18Dec25 ⁶ MVR ⁹	2	Sudden Shift (Chavez, Alexander)	124	L b	2	1	3 ⁶	3 ⁵	2 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/4}	7.40	3wd bid, weakened
23Dec25 ⁶ MVR ⁷	3	Harvard (Simpson, Jason)	124	L bf	3	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{Neck}	6.90	2wd chased,weakened
8Dec25 ⁸ MVR ¹	7	Dark Baron (Sosa, Laureano)	124	L	7	2	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ²	5 ^{3/4}	1.00*	rail, pace, weakened
23Dec25 ⁶ MVR ⁸	5	Richiesgotgame (Diaz, Angel)	124	L b	5	6	6 ⁴	4 ^{Head}	6 ⁶	6 ⁵	6 ^{7 1/2}	5.90	no rally
18Dec25 ⁴ MVR ⁵	1	Royal Dragoon (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L b	1	7	7	7	7	7	7	20.00	rail, outrun

Fractional Times: 24.84 47.85 1:12.80 1:26.01 **Final Time:** 1:40.07
Split Times: (23:01) (24:95) (13:21) (14:06)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Only Get'n Better, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Not This Time out of Portwenn, by Ghostzapper. Foaled Mar 27, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Mrs. Frank P. Wright
Owner: Michael A. Vales
Trainer: Pappada, Julie

Claiming Prices: 6 - Only Get'n Better: \$8,000; 4 - Colonel Poppy: \$8,000; 2 - Sudden Shift: \$8,000; 3 - Harvard: \$8,000; 7 - Dark Baron: \$8,000; 5 - Richiesgotgame: \$8,000; 1 - Royal Dragoon: \$8,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$39,395

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Only Get'n Better	13.60	8.00	5.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	2-3-6 (3 correct)	140.90	13,728
4	Colonel Poppy		6.60	3.80	\$2.00 Daily Double	3-6	124.60	4,302
2	Sudden Shift			3.80	\$2.00 Exacta	6-4	86.00	29,821
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-4-2-3	78.92	11,170
					\$0.50 Trifecta	6-4-2	159.50	18,030

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Only Get'n Better	5	5 ⁹	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ³	3 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
4	Colonel Poppy	3	4 ^{7 1/2}	6 ⁹	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{Nose}
2	Sudden Shift	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}
3	Harvard	4	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	5 ^{3 3/4}	4 ^{4 3/4}
7	Dark Baron	2	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ⁵
5	Richiesgotgame	6	6 ^{9 1/2}	4 ^{8 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{5 3/4}	6 ^{5 3/4}
1	Royal Dragoon	7	7 ^{13 1/2}	7 ¹⁶	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ^{10 3/4}	7 ^{13 1/4}

Trainers: 6 - Pappada, Julie; 4 - Schuster, Robin; 2 - Rivera, Nestor; 3 - Bailey, Ricardo; 7 - Tumblin, Kristina; 5 - Eder, Justine; 1 - Urieta, Johanna

Owners: 6 -Michael A. Vales; 4 -Robin Schuster; 2 -Michael J. Friedman; 3 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 7 -Kristina M. Tumblin; 5 -Justine Eder; 1 - Urieta's Racing Stable and Urieta, Johanna;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ONLY GET'N BETTER , four deep while well off the pace the first turn, stayed on his left lead through the stretch, closed steadily between horses and was up late. COLONEL POPPY raced in the three path the first turn, circled the far turn four wide and closed outside the winner. SUDDEN SHIFT , rated back leaving the first turn, stalked the pace down the backstretch, advanced three wide on the far turn, gained the lead in upper stretch and weakened in the drive. HARVARD , forwardly placed outside horses down the backstretch, chased the leader from the two path on the far turn and weakened. DARK BARON sprinted clear and was taken to the inner rail on the first turn, remained along the rail setting the pace to upper stretch and weakened. RICHIESGOTGAME stayed near the inner rail to the stretch, angled out and failed to rally. ROYAL DRAGOON , along the inner rail most of the trip, was outrun.