

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - January 13, 2026 - Race 3

EQUIBASE

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR REGISTERED OHIO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 13 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances). (S) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Who Da Boss - 1:34.95 - December 2, 2024)

Purse: \$24,300

Includes: \$3,900 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$24,300

Value of Race: \$24,300 1st \$14,580, 2nd \$4,860, 3rd \$2,430, 4th \$1,215, 5th \$729, 6th \$243, 7th \$243

Weather: Cloudy, 36° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 1:12 **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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
24Dec25	2	MVR ¹	5	Dark Vader (Bracho, Jose)	124	L bf	5	4	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 Head	1 Head	1 Neck	2.00 3-2w turns,late duel
8Dec25	7	MVR ⁶	2	Raven Moon (Diaz, Angel)	124	L	2	5	5 Head	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	8.20 4wd far turn,closed
7Nov25	4	MVR ³	7	Gone in a Flash (Fernandez, Victor)	124	L	7	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 Neck	14.30 pace, faded late
19Dec25	6	MVR ⁴	6	Wetzel (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L b	6	2	4 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3 1/4}	5.50 4-3w, left lead lane
24Dec25	2	MVR ³	3	Derby Included (Tapara, Brandon)	124	L b	3	1	6 ⁴	6 ^{3 1/2}	5 ¹	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	17.50 no factor, 2wd 1/4
20Dec25	2	MVR ¹	4	Relish the Ride (Rivera, Luis)	126	L b	4	7	7	7	7	7	6 Nose	1.80* outrun, rail turns
30Sep25	1	TDN ⁶	1	Little Toy Guns (Aviles, Yan)	124	L	1	6	3 Head	4 Head	6 ²	6 ²	7	5.60 rail, gave way,

Fractional Times: 24.88 48.33 1:13.21 1:26.41

Final Time: 1:40.36

Split Times: (23:45) (24:88) (13:20) (13:95)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Dark Vader, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Tale of Ekati out of Dark Obsession, by Grand Slam. Foaled Mar 20, 2015 in Ohio.

Breeder: Schleprock Racing LLC

Owner: Howlett Racing, Inc.

Trainer: Zielinski, Richard

1 Claimed Horse(s): Relish the Ride

New Trainer: Gary L. Johnson

New Owner: Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC

Claiming Prices: 5 - Dark Vader: \$10,000; 2 - Raven Moon: \$10,000; 7 - Gone in a Flash: \$10,000; 6 - Wetzel: \$10,000; 3 - Derby Included: \$10,000; 4 - Relish the Ride: \$10,000; 1 - Little Toy Guns: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$38,540

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Dark Vader	6.00	3.80	2.80	\$2.00 Exacta	5-2	55.00	29,920
2	Raven Moon		8.40	4.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-2-7	72.95	18,199
7	Gone in a Flash			6.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-2-7-6	55.94	13,508
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-3-5 (3 correct)	142.75	10,874
					\$2.00 Daily Double	3-5	90.80	4,397

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Dark Vader	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 Head	1 Head	1 Neck
2	Raven Moon	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ¹	2 Neck
7	Gone in a Flash	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 Head	2 Head	3 ^{1 3/4}
6	Wetzel	2	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ²
3	Derby Included	1	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁴	5 ³	5 ^{5 1/4}
4	Relish the Ride	7	7 ^{6 3/4}	7 ⁸	7 ⁷	7 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{9 3/4}
1	Little Toy Guns	6	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ³	6 ⁵	6 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{9 3/4}

Trainers: 5 - Zielinski, Richard; 2 - Rivera, Nestor; 7 - Zielinski, Richard; 6 - Overholt, Paul; 3 - Cline, Robert; 4 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 1 - Tooley, Jennifer

Owners: 5 - Howlett Racing, Inc.; 2 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 7 - Siesta Thoroughbred Racing; 6 - Paul G. Overholt; 3 - Bryan Metz; 4 - J.R. Racing LLC; 1 - Jennifer Tooley;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DARK VADER, three wide the first turn, advanced in the two path to gain a short lead leaving the far turn, battled through the stretch and held sway in an extended drive. RAVEN MOON stayed along the inner rail on the first turn, moved outside on the backstretch, circled the far turn four deep and closed gamely outside rivals. GONE IN A FLASH, wide entering the first turn, sprinted clear and moved to the two path approaching the backstretch, set the pace, saved ground on the far turn and faded in the drive. WETZEL, four wide the first turn, stalked the pace, was well positioned in the three path entering the stretch, remained on his left lead and failed to sustain the bid. DERBY INCLUDED, no factor, raced in the two path leaving the far turn. RELISH THE RIDE stayed along the inner rail on the turns while outrun. LITTLE TOY GUNS chased the pace from the inner rail and gave way on the far turn.