

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - February 23, 2026 - Race 3

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING,
 STARTER OR OHIO BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR ENTERED TO BE CLAIMED FOR \$25,000. Three
 Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 23 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (Races Where
 Entered For \$15,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances). (NW3 X) **Claiming Price: \$25,000**

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

Purse: \$27,500

Plus: \$15,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$42,500

Value of Race: \$35,500 1st \$24,050, 2nd \$5,500, 3rd \$3,750, 4th \$1,375, 5th \$825

Weather: Snowing, 29° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 1:14 **Start:** Good for all except 1,2 **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
21Jan26 ⁷ MVR ¹	6	Ekati's Way (Bracho, Jose)	124 L b	5 3	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ²	1 ³	1 ³	1 ^{1/2}	2.30	took ov 3/8, held well
5Feb26 ⁸ MVR ¹	4	Big Lucky (Chavez, Alexander)	126 L b	4 2	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ⁸	0.80*	swung 5wd, rallied
21Jan26 ⁷ MVR ²	1	Silence (Skerrett, Jefferson)	119 L b	1 1	5	5	5	4 ⁸	4 ⁸	3 ^{1 3/4}	4.50	veer out st,ins,no bid
21Jan26 ⁷ MVR ⁵	3	Hidden Access (Bowen, Rocco)	124 L f	3 4	2 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{18 1/4}	10.70	hustled early, tired
5Feb26 ⁸ MVR ⁹	2	Sunset Town (Houghton, T.)	124 L bf	2 5	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	5	5	5	7.40	bothered st, pulled

Fractional Times: 24.89 49.27 1:15.52 1:28.79 **Final Time:** 1:42.21

Split Times: (24:38) (26:25) (13:27) (13:42)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Ekati's Way, Chestnut Gelding, by Tale of Ekati out of Sharon's Way, by Proud Citizen. Foaled Apr 08, 2021 in Ohio.

Breeder: Richard Wilkinson

Owner: Cline, Robert C., Stapleton, William, Wilkinson, Richard M. and Lucas, Robert A.

Trainer: Cline, Robert

Scratched Horse(s): Eddie M (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$40,199

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Ekati's Way	6.60	2.80	2.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	7-4-6 (3 correct)	1,593.75	22,119
4	Big Lucky		2.40	2.10	\$2.00 Daily Double	4-6	298.20	7,400
1	Silence			2.80	\$2.00 Exacta	6-4	10.00	28,483
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-4-1-3	1.89	10,756
					\$0.50 Trifecta	6-4-1	5.20	15,659

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Ekati's Way	3	3 ³	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ³	1 ^{1/2}
4	Big Lucky	2	4 ⁴	4 ³	2 ²	2 ³	2 ^{1/2}
1	Silence	1	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{8 1/2}
3	Hidden Access	4	2 ²	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{10 1/4}
2	Sunset Town	5	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{13 1/2}	5 ^{28 1/2}

Trainers: 6 - Cline, Robert; 4 - Rivera, Nestor; 1 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 3 - Hamm, Timothy; 2 - Bailey, Ricardo

Owners: 6 - Cline, Robert C., Stapleton, William, Wilkinson, Richard M. and Lucas, Robert A.; 4 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 1 -Danielle Agnello; 3 - Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Ella D Racing Stable; 2 - Lion Palm Racing Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EKATI'S WAY chased while five wide on the first turn, advanced nicely up the backstretch run, took over far turn and held sway in the stretch under steady pressure. BIG LUCKY reserved early, commenced a bid on the far turn, was swung out five wide into the stretch, stayed on well but could not threaten the top one . SILENCE veered out at the start bothering SUNSET TOWN, saved ground throughout and had no rally. HIDDEN ACCESS was hustled along early, chased the for five furlongs and weakened. SUNSET TOWN bothered at the start, gained lead, pulled on the front end while setting a demanding pace and faltered.