

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - February 23, 2026 - Race 7

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 23 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$15,000 (Races Where Entered For \$10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances).

Claiming Price: \$15,000

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

Purse: \$22,000

Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$23,600

Value of Race: \$22,000 1st \$13,640, 2nd \$4,400, 3rd \$2,200, 4th \$1,100, 5th \$660

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

Off at: 3:06 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Jan26 ⁹ MVR ³	8	Trigger Point (Batista, Luis)	124	L bf	5	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	1 ¹ Head	1 ¹ Nose	1.30*	duel last 1/8, got nod
12Feb26 ⁷ MVR ⁴	3	Colonel Vargo (Houghton, T.)	124	L bf	2	3	1 ¹ /2	1 ¹ Head	2 ¹	2 ¹ 3/4	2.10	dug in gamely, missed
22Jan26 ⁴ MVR ⁶	2	John's Rock (Barbaran, Erik)	124	L bf	1	4	5	4 ¹ /2	3 ¹ /2	3 ³ /4	4.80	inside trip, kept on
5Feb26 ⁹ MVR ⁶	5	Atkins (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	124	L bf	4	1	4 ¹ /2	5	5	4 ²	3.30	lacked a rally
12Feb26 ⁴ MVR ³	4	Time the Avenger (Chavez, Alexander)	124	L	3	5	3 ¹	3 ²	4 ¹	5	12.30	5 wide bid, empty late

Fractional Times: 23.88 48.23 1:00.84

Final Time: 1:13.79

Split Times: (24:35) (12:61) (12:95)

Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Trigger Point, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Cairo Prince out of Debit, by Tapit. Foaled May 16, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Shortleaf Stable

Owner: Mark Gianni II

Trainer: Bernardini, Jay

1 Claimed Horse(s): Atkins

New Trainer: Jay P. Bernardini

New Owner: Jay P. Bernardini

Claiming Prices: 8 - Trigger Point: \$15,000; 3 - Colonel Vargo: \$15,000; 2 - John's Rock: \$15,000; 5 - Atkins: \$15,000; 4 - Time the Avenger: \$15,000;

Scratched Horse(s): High Strike (Veterinarian), Star Entertainer (Veterinarian), Zaddy (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$33,978

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Trigger Point	4.60	2.80	2.10	\$0.50 Pick 3	6-6-1/6/8 (3 correct)	18.60	12,477
3	Colonel Vargo		3.00	2.20	\$2.00 Daily Double	6-8	11.60	9,787
2	John's Rock			2.80	\$2.00 Exacta	8-3	12.60	23,952
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-3-2-5	4.09	7,480
					\$0.50 Trifecta	8-3-2	14.30	12,252

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Trigger Point	2	2 ¹ /2	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
3	Colonel Vargo	3	1 ¹ /2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}
2	John's Rock	4	5 ³ 1/2	4 ³	3 ¹	3 ¹ 3/4
5	Atkins	1	4 ³	5 ³ 1/2	5 ² 1/2	4 ² 1/2
4	Time the Avenger	5	3 ²	3 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2

Trainers: 8 - Bernardini, Jay; 3 - Bailey, Ricardo; 2 - Farrior, Anthony; 5 - Vecchio, Caryn; 4 - Rivera, Nestor

Owners: 8 -Mark Gianni II; 3 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 2 -Richard Burnsworth; 5 -Caryn Vecchio; 4 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

TRIGGER POINT forced the early pace, gained the lead leaving the turn, dueled in the final furlong, responded gamely to brisk pressure and got the nod. COLONEL VARGO led early, was challenged on the turn, was headed soon after, fought back gamely in the stretch and narrowly missed. JOHN'S ROCK chased the pace while racing along the inside rail, remained inside throughout and kept on. ATKINS was outpaced while three wide early, moved four wide into the stretch and lacked a rally. TIME THE AVENGER raced forwardly just off of the inside rail, commenced a bid on the turn, offered a five wide bid but was empty late.