

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - March 3, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR REGISTERED OHIO BRED MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (S)

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

Purse: \$31,800

Includes: \$7,500 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$31,800

Value of Race: \$31,800 1st \$19,716, 2nd \$6,360, 3rd \$3,180, 4th \$1,590, 5th \$954

Weather: Showery, 42° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 12:19 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **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
---	1	Sun of War (Rivera, Luis)	118	L f	1	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ⁴	1.80	duel ins,clear midstr
30Mar25	2 ^{MVR} 6	Happycastle (Tapara, Brandon)	126	--	5	1	3 ³	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}	10.40	stalk duo,bid3-5w turn
2Jan26	2 ^{MVR} 7	Lordbetwentothorns (Bracho, Jose)	126	L	4	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	1.50*	outsd,btwn past1/4,wkn
16Feb26	4 ^{MVR} 4	Scared Cause (Parker, Deshawn)	118	L b	2	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁷	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ¹⁰	2.30	chased ins-3w,no rally
---	4	Cantcatchlilfletch (Gonzalez, Kevin)	126	--	3	5	5	5	5	5	9.90	off slow,trailed 4-5wd

Fractional Times: 22.99 47.27 1:00.23

Final Time: 1:13.83

Split Times: (24:28) (12:96) (13:60)

Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Sun of War, Chestnut Colt, by [Basin](#) out of Rush to War, by Majestic Warrior. Foaled Apr 26, 2023 in Ohio.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Daniel J. Yates & Patricia J. Yates

Owner: Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.

Trainer: Rivera, Nestor

Scratched Horse(s): Cor Spice (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$23,793

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Sun of War	5.60	4.40	2.60	\$2.00 Exacta	1-6	63.00	16,394
6	Happycastle		9.40	4.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-5	46.85	11,636
5	Lordbetwentothorns			2.10	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-5-2	13.36	7,364

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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6	Happycastle	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ⁴
5	Lordbetwentothorns	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/4}
2	Scared Cause	4	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ³	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{6 3/4}
4	Cantcatchlilfletch	5	5 ⁷	5 ¹⁰	5 ¹¹	5 ^{16 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Rivera, Nestor; 6 - Faulkner, Rodney; 5 - Radosevich, Justin; 2 - Cline, Robert; 4 - Fletcher, Jeff

Owners: 1 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 6 - Eddie Platt; 5 - Winings Thoroughbreds, LLC; 2 - Cline, Robert C. and Wilkinson, Richard M.; 4 - Golden Kernel Racing Stable and Fletcher, Jeff;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SUN OF WAR dueled from inside, fought with outer pair with a quarter mile remaining, shook free midstretch and drew away. HAPPYCASTLE stalked the top pair from outside, bid three deep on the turn, fought five wide turning for home, got turned away by SUN OF WAR past the eighth pole but was clearly second best. LORDBETWENTOTHORNS challenged SUN OF WAR from outside for command, vied between rivals late on the bend and upper stretch, then was no match for the top pair in the final furlong but kept on to secure third. SCARED CAUSE chased on the inside into the turn, eased off the fence around the bend, came three wide into the lane and could not rally. CANTCATCHLILFLETCH came away slow when the latch was sprung, trailed up the backstretch, took the turn four to five wide and failed to menace.