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MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - March 23, 2026 - Race 5

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 February 23 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances).s. (S) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

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

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 \$486, 6th \$243, 7th \$243, 8th \$243

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

Off at: 2:15 **Start:** Good for all except 3,4,5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|--|-----|--|-----|------|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 12Feb26 ⁵ MVR ³ | 4 | Dark Vader (Bracho, Jose) | 124 | L bf | 3 | 8 | 5 ^{Head} | 5 ^{Head} | 2 ² | 1 ^{1/2} | 4.30 | bmp,ins1/16,determined |
| 19Feb26 ⁶ MVR ¹ | 11 | Gunner Gabriel (Barbaran, Erik) | 124 | L f | 8 | 2 | 6 ¹ | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 2 ^{Nose} | 0.40* | 5w-up,strong rally plc |
| 9Mar26 ¹ MVR ² | 7 | Spirit of Akron (Parker, Deshawn) | 124 | L b | 5 | 4 | 3 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{3/4} | 7.40 | vie3w,btw,game try |
| 25Feb26 ⁸ MVR ¹⁰ | 8 | Color Bearer (Skerrett, Jefferson) | 119 | L b | 6 | 3 | 8 | 6 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ³ | 28.30 | 7w-up,lef-ld,improved |
| 4Mar26 ⁴ MVR ⁴ | 9 | Elliot the Dragon (Batista, Luis) | 124 | L | 7 | 1 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 3 ¹ | 5 ¹ | 16.60 | chase4w1/4,flattened |
| 15Jan26 ⁶ MVR ¹ | 2 | Aint No Bandleader (Tapara, Brandon) | 124 | L f | 1 | 6 | 7 ^{Head} | 8 | 6 ² | 6 ¹⁰ | 22.40 | trailer3/8,3w,no kick |
| 4Mar26 ² MVR ¹ | 5 | Party Pooper (Salazar Becerra, Fernando) | 124 | L b | 4 | 5 | 1 ^{Head} | 3 ^{Head} | 7 ^{Head} | 7 ^{Neck} | 23.20 | bump,vie2w,gateway |
| 20Feb26 ³ MVR ⁶ | 3 | The day of the grey (Fernandez, Victor) | 124 | L b | 2 | 7 | 2 ^{Head} | 7 ^{1 1/2} | 8 | 8 | 29.60 | bump,pace,faleterd str |

Fractional Times: 23.14 47.33 1:00.10

Final Time: 1:13.18

Split Times: (24:19) (12:77) (13:08)

Run-Up: 10 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

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Gunner Gabriel** New Trainer: Johanna Urieta New Owner: Rudiculous Stables
Spirit of Akron New Trainer: Shane Meyers New Owner: Judy Meyers

Claiming Prices: 4 - Dark Vader: \$10,000; 11 - Gunner Gabriel: \$10,000; 7 - Spirit of Akron: \$10,000; 8 - Color Bearer: \$10,000; 9 - Elliot the Dragon: \$10,000; 2 - Aint No Bandleader: \$10,000; 5 - Party Pooper: \$10,000; 3 - The day of the grey: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): C V Jersey Bee (Veterinarian), Envelope Please (Veterinarian), Mr Loooch (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$70,736

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| 4 | Dark Vader | 10.60 | 4.20 | 2.20 | \$2.00 Exacta | 4-11 | 27.40 | 49,844 |
| 11 | Gunner Gabriel | | 2.10 | 2.10 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 4-11-7 | 19.85 | 28,894 |
| 7 | Spirit of Akron | | | 2.80 | \$0.10 Superfecta | 4-11-7-8 | 26.54 | 20,872 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Pick 3 | 6-3-4 (3 correct) | 21.10 | 13,155 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Pick 5 | 2-6-6-3-4 (5 correct) | 703.55 | 33,937 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Daily Double | 3-4 | 27.60 | 7,035 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|---------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 4 | Dark Vader | 8 | 5 ^{2 1/4} | 5 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} |
| 11 | Gunner Gabriel | 2 | 6 ^{2 1/4} | 4 ¹ | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} |
| 7 | Spirit of Akron | 4 | 3 ^{Head} | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} |
| 8 | Color Bearer | 3 | 8 ^{3 1/2} | 6 ^{1 3/4} | 5 ^{4 1/2} | 4 ^{1 1/4} |
| 9 | Elliot the Dragon | 1 | 4 ^{3/4} | 2 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 5 ^{4 1/4} |
| 2 | Aint No Bandleader | 6 | 7 ^{3 1/4} | 8 ^{3 3/4} | 6 ⁶ | 6 ^{5 1/4} |
| 5 | Party Pooper | 5 | 1 ^{Head} | 3 ¹ | 7 ⁸ | 7 ^{15 1/4} |
| 3 | The day of the grey | 7 | 2 ^{Head} | 7 ^{2 1/4} | 8 ⁸ | 8 ^{15 1/2} |

Trainers: 4 - Zielinski, Richard; 11 - Ibarra, Marco; 7 - Silva, Juan; 8 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 9 - Ibarra, Marco; 2 - Zielinski, Richard; 5 - Urieta, Johanna; 3 - Cline, Robert

Owners: 4 - Howlett Racing, Inc.; 11 - Authentic Racing LLC; 7 - Tijuana Racing Stables; 8 -Danielle Agnello; 9 - Authentic Racing LLC; 2 -Holly Delaney; 5 - Rudiculous Stables; 3 - Cline, Robert C. and Wilkinson, Richard M.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DARK VADER bumped at the start, advanced worked between runners around the turn, brave rail move nearing the sixteenth post, determined drive held sway for the victory. GUNNER GABRIEL pace mid-pack off the rail into the turn, chased five wide into the lane, strong late rally, up in time for the place award. SPIRIT OF AKRON broke alertly, vied three wide around the turn, dug in gamely between rivals through the final sixteenth, conceded grudgingly under the wire. COLOR BEARER raced off the pace into the turn, swung onto seven wide upper, running on the wrong lead, improved position through the final sixteenth. ELLIOT THE DRAGON away in good order, sent to the attack four wide approaching the quarter pole, bid flattened out through the final stages. AINT NO BANDLEADER clean start inside, trailer around the turn, bid three and four wide through the lane, had no late punch. PARTY POOPER bumped at the start, hustled up vied two wide around the turn, under pressure leaving the furlong marker, gave way through the wire. THEDAYOFTHEGREY veered out bumped outside rival at the start, rushed up vied inside into the turn, herded nearing the quarter pole, faltered through the stretch.