

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - March 24, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race Since February 24 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500. (NW4 L) **Claiming Price:** \$7,500

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

Purse: \$14,900

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

Available Money: \$16,500

Value of Race: \$14,900 1st \$8,940, 2nd \$2,980, 3rd \$1,490, 4th \$745, 5th \$447, 6th \$298

Weather: Clear, 36° **Track:** Good

Off at: 12:50 **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
2Mar26 ⁶ MVR ²	3	Kykeon (Fernandez, Victor)	124	L b	3	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}	2.40	4wd,led btw upr,drvng
24Feb26 ⁴ MVR ¹	1	Sobieski (Rivera, Luis)	124	L b	1	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3.90	2w,outer pressure,game
18Feb26 ⁵ MVR ⁵	4	Valid Connection (Haldar, David) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	124	L	4	5	6	5 ¹	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	4.10	idle 3-1/2,bid bw,evn
2Mar26 ⁶ MVR ³	5	Tetched (Batista, Luis)	124	L b	5	2	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	1.60*	5wd trp,outs foes,hung
18Feb26 ⁵ MVR ⁶	2	Z Boss (Barbaran, Erik)	124	L b	2	6	5 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ⁴	5 ^{1 3/4}	8.50	aim ins,rddn 5/16,fade
13Mar26 ⁶ MVR ³	6	Finistere (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	124	L bf	6	3	4 ^{Head}	6	6	6	6	16.40	4-6w trp,rddn 3/8,fade

Fractional Times: 25.67 49.19 1:13.89 1:27.05 **Final Time:** 1:40.16

Split Times: (23:52) (24:70) (13:16) (13:11)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Kykeon, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Kantharos out of Poetic, by Violence. Foaled Apr 18, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Machmer Hall

Owner: Rey Juarez-Mendoza

Trainer: Juarez-Mendoza, Rey

Claiming Prices: 3 - Kykeon: \$7,500; 1 - Sobieski: \$7,500; 4 - Valid Connection: \$7,500; 5 - Tetched: \$7,500; 2 - Z Boss: \$7,500; 6 - Finistere: \$7,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$30,571

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Kykeon	6.80	3.80	3.20	\$2.00 Daily Double	4-3	30.00	10,023
1	Sobieski		5.20	3.20	\$2.00 Exacta	3-1	37.40	24,521
4	Valid Connection			3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-4	33.90	14,416
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-4-5	16.68	7,834

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Kykeon	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}
1	Sobieski	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/4}
4	Valid Connection	5	6 ^{2 1/4}	5 ²	5 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/4}
5	Tetched	2	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	4 ^{1 1/2}
2	Z Boss	6	5 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	5 ⁷
6	Finistere	3	4 ¹	6 ³	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{8 3/4}

Trainers: 3 - Juarez-Mendoza, Rey; 1 - Farrior, Anthony; 4 - Calderon, Ivan; 5 - Farrior, Anthony; 2 - Rone, Penny; 6 - Vecchio, Caryn

Owners: 3 -Rey Juarez-Mendoza; 1 - Life Is Good Stables and Hart, Sr., William D.; 4 - JP Racing Stable; 5 - Crab Town Stables; 2 -Namir Zaiber; 6 -Caryn Vecchio;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KYKEON prompted the pace four wide outside the leader, moved to apply more pressure around the final turn, moved to a short lead between foes in upper strong, clung to the advantage while surrounded inside the furlong grounds, kept on under strong handling and edged clear late. SOBIESKI took over early and set the pace in the two path, handled outer pressure while coaxed along past the three eighths, dueled inside the winner into the stretch, fought on valiantly inside rivals through the final sixteenth and earned the place. VALID CONNECTION rated behind foes and off the inside, took closer order into the far turn then briefly idled, came back on with a run three wide between foes in mid stretch then evened out very late. TETCHED lost ground five wide tracking the pace, ranged up under pressure into the stretch, bid outside a quartet of runners nearing mid stretch, chased on leaving the sixteenth pole and hung late. Z BOSS rated off foes soon after the break then secured the inside to stalk, edged up nearing the half, was under a hearty ride pursuing past the five sixteenths, remained inside with pursuit to mid stretch then faded. FINISTERE , four deep into the first turn, lost ground six wide from the three quarter pole, was under a ride leaving the far turn, lacked a punch and faded through the final quarter mile.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred