

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - April 2, 2026 - Race 7

STAKES Howard B. Noonan S. - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS (OHIO REGISTERED). \$50 to nominate. Subscription of \$263 to enter and \$487 to start with \$75,000 Guaranteed. Purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth. Weight 122 lbs. Non-winners of a sweepstakes allowed 2 lbs. ; Non-winners of two races, 4 lbs.; Maidens, 6 lbs. Starters to be named through the entry box Friday, March 27, 2026 by the usual time of closing. Field will be limited to 14 starters with preference according to 2026 OTRF Rules & Conditions #2. Trophy presented to the winning owner. (S)

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

Purse: \$75,000 Guaranteed

Includes: \$26,250 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$75,000

Value of Race: \$75,000 1st \$45,000, 2nd \$15,000, 3rd \$7,500, 4th \$3,750, 5th \$2,250, 6th \$1,500

Weather: Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 3:05 **Start:** Good for all except 7,9 **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
10Mar26 ² MVR ¹	7	Mark My Words (Barbaran, Erik)	120 b	7	4	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{5 3/4}	1.10*	rough st,adv,drew off
19Mar26 ⁵ MVR ²	10	Miss Elektra (Chavez, Alexander)	116 --	9	1	7 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{4 1/2}	4.80	good effort, 2nd best
16Mar26 ⁶ MVR ¹	3	Sun of War (Rivera, Luis)	120 f	3	7	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{Neck}	4.20	step slw,even effort
9Dec25 ⁹ MVR ¹	1	Leavetheninetynine (Bracho, Jose)	120 b	1	9	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ⁴	5 ^{Head}	4 ⁴	33.50	alt crs7/16,7w,clsd in
25Oct25 ⁷ MVR ³	5	Global Event (Sosa, Laureano)	118 f	5	3	6 ^{Head}	9	9	5 ¹	30.60	dropped back,stayed on
16Mar26 ⁶ MVR ⁴	9	Rico Suave (Fernandez, Victor)	120 --	8	5	9	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	6 ^{1 3/4}	24.80	bmp,4w mid-mv,falterd
25Oct25 ⁷ MVR ²	2	Water Into Wine (Bowen, Rocco)	118 f	2	8	5 ¹	7 ¹	8 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{Nose}	2.80	awk st,rushed,falterd
26Feb26 ⁸ MVR ⁹	6	Unbridled O'Brien (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	118 b	6	2	1 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	8 ^{3/4}	87.30	pace,led upr str,empty
18Mar26 ⁷ MVR ⁴	4	Ripman (Tapara, Brandon)	118 --	4	6	3 ¹	5 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	9	81.00	cls3w,wknd3/8,tired

Fractional Times: 22.45 45.87 58.75

Final Time: 1:11.82 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.72

Split Times: (23:42) (12:88) (13:07)

Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Mark My Words, Bay Gelding, by [Thousand Words](#) out of Helluva Notion, by Notional. Foaled Mar 10, 2023 in Ohio.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Robert M. Gorham

Owner: Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust

Trainer: Gorham, Robert

Scratched Horse(s): Workstation (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$114,009

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Mark My Words	4.20	2.60	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	7-10	15.80	105,788
10	Miss Elektra		4.20	2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-10-3	16.20	65,836
3	Sun of War			3.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-10-3-1	25.85	49,489
					\$0.50 Pick 3	10-5-7 (3 correct)	21.80	10,014
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-7	12.80	6,626

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
7	Mark My Words	4	4 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{5 3/4}
10	Miss Elektra	1	7 ⁵	4 ⁴	2 ⁴	2 ^{5 3/4}
3	Sun of War	7	2 ¹	3 ³	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{10 1/4}
1	Leavetheninetynine	9	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{6 3/4}	5 ¹⁰	4 ^{10 1/2}
5	Global Event	3	6 ⁵	9 ^{10 3/4}	9 ^{14 3/4}	5 ^{14 1/2}
9	Rico Suave	5	9 ⁸	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ¹⁰	6 ^{15 1/2}
2	Water Into Wine	8	5 ⁴	7 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{11 1/4}	7 ^{17 1/4}
6	Unbridled O'Brien	2	1 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{17 1/4}
4	Ripman	6	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}	7 ¹¹	9 ¹⁸

Trainers: 7 - Gorham, Robert; 10 - DaCosta, Jason; 3 - Rivera, Nestor; 1 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 5 - Hamm, Timothy; 9 - Zielinski, Richard; 2 - Hamm, Timothy; 6 - Calderon, Ivan; 4 - Zielinski, Richard

Owners: 7 - Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust; 10 - DaCosta, Jason and Ondercin, Stacey; 3 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 1 - Thomson, Dustin J. and Caldwell, Paige; 5 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and America's Thoroughbred Investors; 9 - Lavrich, Nancy and Zielinski, Ronald; 2 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and America's Thoroughbred Investors; 6 - Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; 4 - Jack Cannon;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MARK MY WORDS got pinballed and squeezed at the start, steadily advanced four-wide up the backstretch, continued a forward move in-hand through the turn, took command of the race in upper stretch, and drew clear in the late stages. MISS ELECKTRA broke with the pack but had to be coaxed a bit to keep pace early, made a strong four-wide move on the turn under a drive, could not get to the eventual winner in the stretch but finished well to be clear of the next horse in a good effort. SUN OF WAR broke a step slow, then was hustled forward, chased the early leader to the turn, then went evenly late and just held for the minor award. LEAVETHENINETY NINE outpaced early, advanced to regain contact with the field, then steadied before the turn, switched to the outside through the turn, then came about seven-wide into the stretch, closed in late despite lugging in, and just missed hitting the board. GLOBAL EVENT broke on top but was quickly overtaken, settled mid-pack up the backstretch, then retreated to last through the turn, kept to the inside, and passed tired foes to improve. RICO SUAVE got bumped sideways after the start by the inside rival, took some time to get untracked, and was last early, made a four-wide forward move through the turn, failed to change leads in the stretch, and faltered. WATER INTO WINE hustled into the early pace mix after an awkward start, was unable to contest the front, then came under a stiff drive on the turn and had little to give in the stretch. UNBRIDLED O'BRIEN broke sharply, went to the lead passing the five-furlong pole, and went clear on the turn, was overtaken in upper stretch, and had nothing left in the final furlong. RIPMAN raced close up three-wide, weakened leaving the three-furlong pole, and tired in the stretch.

