

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - November 10, 2025 - Race 2

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 124 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500 (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). **Claiming Price:** \$7,500

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

Purse: \$12,200

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

Available Money: \$13,800

Value of Race: \$12,200 1st \$7,564, 2nd \$2,440, 3rd \$1,220, 4th \$610, 5th \$366

Weather: Cloudy, 33° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 12:46 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Oct25 ³ MVR ³	1	Valid Connection (Haldar, David) 	124	L	1	4	4 ²	4 ^{Head}	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}	0.30*	tight 1T,bid 4w,clear
30Oct25 ³ MVR ⁶	6	Maravich (Aviles, Yan)	126	L f	5	1	2 ²	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{5 1/2}	2 ^{3 3/4}	6.70	contested pace,2d best
28Sep25 ¹ HAW ⁶	5	Blakely's Boy (Bendezu, Alexander)	124	bf	4	5	5	5	5	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	5.60	swung widest,outkicked
20Oct25 ² MNR ⁵	4	El Adivino (Diaz, Angel)	124	L b	3	2	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ⁵	4 ^{13 3/4}	41.70	chck 1T,3-4w,weakened
30Oct25 ³ MVR ⁴	2	Predecessor (Toledo, Joam)	124	L f	2	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5	5	4.40	disputed pace,tired

Fractional Times: 25.60 50.46 1:16.72 1:29.88

Split Times: (24:86) (26:26) (13:16) (13:89)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Final Time: 1:43.77

Winner: Valid Connection, Chestnut Gelding, by [Connect](#) out of Bakken Baby, by Valid Expectations. Foaled Feb 20, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Forever Spring Farm
Owner: JP Racing Stable
Trainer: Calderon, Ivan

Claiming Prices: 1 - Valid Connection: \$7,500; 6 - Maravich: \$7,500; 5 - Blakely's Boy: \$7,500; 4 - El Adivino: \$7,500; 2 - Predecessor: \$7,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Pico Plat (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$17,988

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Valid Connection	2.60	2.40	2.10	\$2.00 Daily Double	5-1	8.80	6,368
6	Maravich		5.20	3.00	\$2.00 Exacta	1-6	11.80	9,789
5	Blakely's Boy			2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-5	13.70	6,698
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-5-4	7.44	5,431

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Valid Connection	4	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
6	Maravich	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}
5	Blakely's Boy	5	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	3 ⁶	3 ^{5 1/2}
4	El Adivino	2	3 ²	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	4 ⁶	4 ⁸
2	Predecessor	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	4 ³	5 ¹¹	5 ^{21 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Calderon, Ivan; 6 - Szczepanski, Emily; 5 - Nesbitt, Amy; 4 - Flores, Christian; 2 - Szczepanski, Emily

Owners: 1 - JP Racing Stable; 6 - Beautiful Disaster Racing Stable LLC; 5 -Jean L. France; 4 - Flores Racing and Flores, Antonio; 2 - Beautiful Disaster Racing Stable LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VALID CONNECTION raced close up to the early pace while inside of runners, was caught in tight and shuffled back entering the first turn, shifted off of the rail and tracked the modest pace while widest up the backstretch, made a four wide bid to the far turn, confronted MARAVICH at the quarter marker and battled that rival into the lane, turned away the runner-up into the final sixteenth and edged clear late to prove best. MARAVICH hustled for the early lead, crossed over and put inner rivals in tight into the first turn, ceded the front into the backstretch and stalked two wide to the far turn, bid between rivals nearing the quarter marker then was confronted by VALID CONNECTION at that station, battled into the stretch, could not match strides with the winner into the final sixteenth and was a clear second. BLAKELY'S BOY unhurried to the first turn, saved ground into the backstretch run, angled off of the rail into the second turn then swung widest for the stretch drive, could not muster a final response and was clear in the end for third. EL ADIVINO was close up to the early pace while between rivals, checked while in tight and was shuffled back into the first turn, recovered to track the modest pace three to four wide along the backstretch, chased to the far turn, could not find more into upper stretch and weakened in the drive. PREDECESSOR was forwardly placed early on while between runners, avoided trouble into the first turn then disputed the pace into the backstretch, took command and set a modest pace to the half-mile marker, showed the way to the far turn then was overtaken nearing the quarter pole and tired in the stretch drive. THE STEWARDS CONDUCTED AN INQUIRY INTO THE RUNNING ALONG THE FIRST TURN. THE STEWARDS RULED THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE.

 Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred