

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - November 12, 2025 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 124 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 12 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000 (Races Where Entered For \$4,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances). **Claiming Price:** \$5,000
Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Spanish Armada - 1:40.78 - December 27, 2017)
Purse: \$15,400
Plus: \$1,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$16,400
Value of Race: \$15,400 1st \$9,240, 2nd \$3,080, 3rd \$1,540, 4th \$770, 5th \$462, 6th \$308
Weather: Cloudy, 42° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)
Off at: 12:48 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Oct25 ⁷ MNR ⁷	6	Bootsy's Merlot (Batista, Luis)	124	L	6	5	² Head	³ ¹ 1/2	² ¹ 1/2	¹ ⁴	¹ ³ 3/4	14.60	stlk,led1/4,clear late
29Oct25 ⁴ MVR ⁵	5	Lubu (Diaz, Angel)	124	L b	5	6	⁴ Head	⁴ ³	³ ⁶	³ ⁴	² ¹ 1/2	1.20*	trk,steady adv,gain2nd
29Oct25 ⁴ MVR ¹	2	Sacred Connection (Greenidge, Elijah)	121	L f	2	2	6	6	6	⁴ ⁴	³ Neck	2.10	far back,rallied 3rd
29Oct25 ¹ MVR ¹	4	Tiz Independence (Vigil, Noel)	126	L f	4	4	³ ²	¹ Head	¹ ¹ 1/2	² ¹ 2	⁴ ¹⁴ 1/4	4.40	stlkd,led1/2,gv way1/4
20Oct25 ⁵ MNR ³	1	Wicca Wisdom (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L bf	1	3	⁵ ⁵ 1/2	⁵ ⁶ 1/2	⁴ ¹ 2	⁵ ⁷	⁵ ¹⁵ 1/2	5.80	sttld back,empty late
20Oct25 ⁷ MNR ⁵	3	Princesstapiture (Tapara, Brandon)	124	L f	3	1	¹ ¹ 1/2	² ¹	⁵ ¹	6	6	15.00	pace,done after 1/2

Fractional Times: 23.88 47.22 1:13.18 1:40.80 **Final Time:** 1:45.46
Split Times: (23:34) (25:96) (27:62) (4:66)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Bootsy's Merlot, Bay Filly, by Congrats out of Bootsy's Hadenough, by Paynter. Foaled Feb 17, 2021 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Crumbaugh Lane LLC, Lynn Cash & BillHelwig
Owner: Roger B. Sterling
Trainer: Bernardini, Jay

Claiming Prices: 6 - Bootsy's Merlot: \$5,000; 5 - Lubu: \$5,000; 2 - Sacred Connection: \$5,000; 4 - Tiz Independence: \$5,000; 1 - Wicca Wisdom: \$5,000; 3 - Princesstapiture: \$5,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$23,104

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Bootsy's Merlot	31.20	9.00	3.00	\$2.00 Daily Double	3-6	68.40	2,388
5	Lubu		2.80	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	6-5	119.60	16,013
2	Sacred Connection			2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-5-2	143.90	12,512
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-5-2-4	46.51	7,241

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Bootsy's Merlot	5	² ¹ 1/2	³ ¹	² ¹ 2	¹ ⁴	¹ ³ 3/4
5	Lubu	6	⁴ ³ 1/2	⁴ ² 1/2	³ ²	³ ⁴ 1/2	² ³ 3/4
2	Sacred Connection	2	⁶ ⁹ 1/4	⁶ ¹ 2	⁶ ⁹ 1/2	⁴ ⁸ 1/2	³ ⁵ 1/4
4	Tiz Independence	4	³ ¹ 1/2	¹ Head	¹ ¹ 2	² ⁴	⁴ ⁵ 1/2
1	Wicca Wisdom	3	⁵ ³ 3/4	⁵ ⁵ 1/2	⁴ ⁸	⁵ ¹² 1/2	⁵ ¹⁹ 3/4
3	Princesstapiture	1	¹ ¹ 1/2	² Head	⁵ ⁸ 1/2	⁶ ¹⁹ 1/2	⁶ ³⁵ 1/4

Trainers: 6 - Bernardini, Jay; 5 - Rivera, Nestor; 2 - Bailey, Ricardo; 4 - Bailey, Ricardo; 1 - Urieta, Johanna; 3 - Norris, Stephani

Owners: 6 -Roger B. Sterling; 5 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 2 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 4 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 1 - Urieta's Racing Stable and Romero, Juan; 3 -Alicia Avina Cacho;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BOOTSY'S MERLOT hustled from the outside, stalked PRINCESSTAPITURE for a half-mile, then started a forward move through the turn, took a clear lead in upper stretch, and went clear to the wire under steady handling. LUBU was content to track behind the pace through the early stages, was coaxed forward approaching the half-mile pole, then responded when asked to go on with three furlongs to run, was kept to task under steady handling and urging, and moved up into second in deep stretch while never a threat to the winner. SACRED CONNECTION lacked any early speed and was the distant trailer to the far turn, started to run on from that point, came four wide into the stretch, finished up well, and just got up for the minor award. TIZ INDEPENDENCE was reluctant to load, then was backed into the gate from the front, broke a step slow, then moved up three-wide on the first turn to advance to press the leader as the field turned down the backstretch, took over the lead well before the half-mile pole, then opened up on the turn with BOOTSY'S MERLOT in pursuit, gave way to that rival before the stretch, and weakened. WICCA WISDOM broke a beat slow after being in the gate for an extended period, was not asked for speed, and settled well behind the leaders through the early stages, was under pressure to keep up through the far turn, and had little to offer in the stretch. PRINCESSTAPITURE sent hard from the break, led the way for a half-mile then gave way.