

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - December 4, 2025 - Race 3



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED OHIO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 125 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since November 4 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances).). (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 \$729, 6th \$243, 7th \$243
Weather: Cloudy, 26° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)
Off at: 1:16 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
13Nov25 ⁵ MVR ³	4	Dark Vader (Bowen, Rocco)	124	L bf	4	6	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2.10	stdy st,adv4-5w,got up
7Nov25 ⁴ MVR ⁴	1	The Pink Z (Gonzalez, Kevin)	124	L f	1	3	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}	10.20	game effort,2nd best
27Oct25 ⁷ MVR ⁶	2	Wetzel (Aviles, Yan)	124	L b	2	5	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	1.90*	good effort,wrong lead
7Nov25 ⁴ MVR ⁵	5	Elliot the Dragon (Batista, Luis)	124	L	5	2	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	2.70	prssd3w,loomd,outkickd
5Nov25 ⁶ MVR ⁵	3	Gapper (Bracho, Jose)	124	L f	3	7	7	6 ⁴	5 ²	5 ^{1/2}	14.70	loomed str, weakened
13Nov25 ⁶ MVR ⁷	7	Ollie's Folly (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L bf	6	4	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	6 ⁸	6 ¹³	8.40	loomed5w3/16,no rally
11Nov25 ⁴ MVR ⁵	8	Hite (Fernandez, Victor)	124	L f	7	1	4 ^{Head}	7	7	7	22.20	wide, no factor

Fractional Times: 23.61 47.85 1:00.63 **Final Time:** 1:14.06
Split Times: (24:24) (12:78) (13:43)
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

1 Claimed Horse(s): Wetzel New Trainer: Paul G. Overholt New Owner: Paul G. Overholt

Claiming Prices: 4 - Dark Vader: \$10,000; 1 - The Pink Z: \$10,000; 2 - Wetzel: \$10,000; 5 - Elliot the Dragon: \$10,000; 3 - Gapper: \$10,000; 7 - Ollie's Folly: \$10,000; 8 - Hite: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): May Mayhem (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$38,806

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Dark Vader	6.20	3.60	2.60	\$0.50 Pick 3	2-6-4 (3 correct)	42.10	15,579
1	The Pink Z		7.80	4.40	\$2.00 Daily Double	6-4	26.00	3,201
2	Wetzel			2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	4-1	47.00	31,451
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-1-2-5	17.10	13,643
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-1-2	30.50	19,493

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Dark Vader	6	6 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{1 1/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
1	The Pink Z	3	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
2	Wetzel	5	5 ^{2 1/4}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{3/4}
5	Elliot the Dragon	2	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{4 1/4}
3	Gapper	7	7 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{6 3/4}
7	Ollie's Folly	4	2 ¹	4 ^{1 1/4}	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{7 1/4}
8	Hite	1	4 ²	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{12 3/4}	7 ^{20 1/4}

Trainers: 4 - Zielinski, Richard; 1 - Silva, Fernando; 2 - Radosevich, Justin; 5 - Ibarra, Marco; 3 - Poole, Joseph; 7 - Rone, Michael; 8 - Vazquez, Ivan

Owners: 4 - Howlett Racing, Inc.; 1 -Fernando Silva; 2 - Rad Racing LLC and Smith, Jackie; 5 - Authentic Racing LLC; 3 - HLB Racing, LLC; 7 -Timothy A. Heinrichs; 8 - Espinosa, Juan A. and Garcia, Jairo;

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DARK VADER steadied after the break, then went to the outside of the field and moved up four-to-five wide, circled the field on the turn to bid six-wide for the lead at the top of the stretch, had a little trouble getting on the correct lead in upper stretch, but finished up well, and collared the leaders in sight of the finish line. THE PINK Z was quick to the front, led a host of pursuers to the stretch, battled gamely to the wire, and outfinished all but the winner. WETZEL was a little slow to get going but steadily advanced down the backstretch, kept to the inside and was up with the leaders with three furlongs to run, battled gamely down the stretch while racing on the wrong lead, but came up short in the end. ELLIOT THE DRAGON hustled from the break to press the early pace three-wide, loomed three-wide at the top of the stretch while under a full-out drive but was outkicked in the final furlong. GAPPER was last away then raced near the back of the compact field, had every chance in the stretch but weakened. OLLIE'S FOLLY was a bit slow to begin, raced mid-pack early, then loomed a threat approaching the stretch, came five-wide out of the turn, and did not produce a rally. HITE was close up for a furlong while racing wide down the backstretch, lost ground through the turn while under a drive, and was not involved in the late stages.