

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE - December 11, 2025 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 125 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since November 11 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$8,000 (Races Where Entered For \$7,500 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances). **Claiming Price:** \$8,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Who Da Boss - 1:34.95 - December 2, 2024)
Purse: \$17,600
Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$19,200
Value of Race: \$17,600 1st \$10,560, 2nd \$3,520, 3rd \$1,760, 4th \$880, 5th \$528, 6th \$352
Weather: Snowing, 25° **Track:** Good
Off at: 2:52 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Dec25 ² MNR ¹	5	Bootsy's Merlot (Tapara, Brandon)	124	L	4	2	¹ Head	¹ 1/2	¹ 1	¹ 3	¹ 5	0.80*	duel ins,drew off str
25Nov25 ⁵ MVR ⁴	7	Divine Fashion (Crispin, Alexander) VA CERTIFIED	124	L	bf	6	6	² 1	² 2	³ 1 1/2	² Nose	16.60	dueled,no match late
4Nov25 ⁸ MVR ³	1	Maliced (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L	bf	1	1	⁴ 1 1/2	⁴ 1 1/2	⁴ 1 1/2	³ 1 3/4	2.30	close ins,even finish
4Nov25 ⁸ MVR ²	6	Gracie Dance (Batista, Luis)	124	L		5	3	³ Head	³ Head	³ Head	⁴ 1/2	12.50	4-5w, lacked finish
25Nov25 ⁵ MVR ⁷	3	Lubu (Diaz, Angel)	124	L	bf	2	4	6	⁵ 2 1/2	⁵ 4	⁵ 8	7.20	chased,adv,needed more
13Nov25 ² CT ⁴	4	Chase by the Moon (Barbaran, Erik)	124	L	b	3	5	⁵ 3	6	6	6	7.70	eased,walked off

Fractional Times: 25.24 48.61 1:14.33 1:27.82 **Final Time:** 1:42.07
Split Times: (23:37) (25:72) (13:49) (14:25)
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: 5 - Bootsy's Merlot: \$8,000; 7 - Divine Fashion: \$8,000; 1 - Maliced: \$8,000; 6 - Gracie Dance: \$8,000; 3 - Lubu: \$8,000; 4 - Chase by the Moon: \$8,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Liam's Lass (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$38,995

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Bootsy's Merlot	3.60	2.60	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	5-7	28.80	32,926
7	Divine Fashion		8.00	4.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-7-1	20.30	18,703
1	Maliced			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-7-1-6	10.91	12,084
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-7-5 (3 correct)	5.25	3,833
					\$2.00 Daily Double	7-5	6.60	4,353

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Bootsy's Merlot	2	¹ Head	¹ 1/2	¹ 1	¹ 3	¹ 5
7	Divine Fashion	6	² Head	² 1/2	² 1	³ 3 1/2	² 5
1	Maliced	1	⁴ 1 1/4	⁴ 2 1/2	⁴ 2	² 3	³ 5
6	Gracie Dance	3	³ 1	³ 2 1/2	³ 2	⁴ 5	⁴ 6 3/4
3	Lubu	4	⁶ 5 3/4	⁵ 4	⁵ 3 1/2	⁵ 5 1/2	⁵ 8 1/2
4	Chase by the Moon	5	⁵ 2 3/4	⁶ 6 1/2	⁶ 7 1/2	⁶ 13 1/2	⁶ 31 1/2

Trainers: 5 - Bernardini, Jay; 7 - Bailey, Ricardo; 1 - Urieta, Johanna; 6 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 3 - Rivera, Nestor; 4 - Joy, Kevin

Owners: 5 -Roger B. Sterling; 7 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 1 - Urieta's Racing Stable; 6 -Danielle Agnello; 3 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 4 - Pesaturo, Gus and Joy, Kevin J.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BOOTSY'S MERLOT was sent to the lead from the break, made the lead on the first turn, then dueled with DIVINE FASHION down the backstretch through moderate fractions, put that rival away on the far turn, opened up a clear lead in upper stretch, and drew off under steady handling and intermittent urging. DIVINE FASHION went five-wide on the first turn, then dueled with BOOTSY'S MERLOT through moderate fractions, was unable to keep pace with that rival in the stretch, but kept to task to save the place. MALICED was close up along the rail, saved ground and finished evenly, but lost the bob for the minor award. GRACIE DANCE went four-wide into the clubhouse turn, then settled in a tracking position behind the dueling leaders down the backstretch, came under a stiff drive, and went five-wide into the stretch but lacked the needed response. LUBU was last into the clubhouse turn, chased the field down the backstretch, advanced into contention approaching the half-mile pole, went three-wide through the far turn, dropped down the rail for the stretch run, but was not doing enough in the late stages. CHASE BY THE MOON was well placed through the first half-mile, then struggled to keep up through the late stages and was eased up across the finish line, and walked off.

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