

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 2, 2026 - Race 2

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
(PLUS UP TO \$7,300 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE OCTOBER 2, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$30,000. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 2, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000. Texas Bred Claiming Price \$35,000. (Rail at 30 feet). (NW1 3M) **Claiming Price:** \$30,000  
**Distance:** One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Gaelico - 1:42.05 - February 21, 2015)

**Purse:** \$36,500

**Includes:** \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

**Available Money:** \$36,500

**Value of Race:** \$36,500 1st \$21,840, 2nd \$7,280, 3rd \$4,004, 4th \$2,184, 5th \$1,092, 6th \$100

**Weather:** Clear, 78° **Track:** Firm

**Off at:** 6:57 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **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
14Nov25 <sup>9</sup> RP <sup>3</sup>	1	Big Bernie (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	121	L	bf	1	3	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>2</sup> 2	<sup>1</sup> 3/4	6.10 pace,yield1/4,won drvsg
6Nov25 <sup>8</sup> RP <sup>4</sup>	2	Carlea's Dream (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	121	L		2	2	<sup>2</sup> 1	<sup>2</sup> 1	<sup>2</sup> 2	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> 3/4	3.10 stlk2w,bid1/4,outfnshd
7Nov25 <sup>1</sup> RP <sup>3</sup>	3	Ti Caillou (Parker, Deshawn)	121	L	f	3	4	<sup>5</sup> 1/2	6	<sup>5</sup> 1	<sup>5</sup> 6	<sup>3</sup> Nose	6.80 svd grnd,gained 3rd
20Dec25 <sup>6</sup> RP <sup>4</sup>	4	Tap the Dot (Elliott, Stewart)	121	L		4	5	<sup>4</sup> 1/2	<sup>3</sup> Head	<sup>3</sup> Head	<sup>3</sup> 1/2	<sup>4</sup> 1	1.20* trk btw, needed more
5Oct25 <sup>5</sup> RP <sup>4</sup>	6	Kentucky Dawn (Luzzi, Lane)	121	L	bf	6	1	<sup>3</sup> Head	<sup>4</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 2	<sup>4</sup> 1	<sup>5</sup> 10 3/4	6.20 trk ins,mild late gain
15Nov25 <sup>9</sup> RP <sup>3</sup>	5	Mackinnon (Diaz, Rene)	121	L	b	5	6	6	<sup>5</sup> Head	6	6	6	7.00 missed brk,dull effort

**Fractional Times:** 23.94 48.20 1:11.99 1:37.44 **Final Time:** 1:44.08

**Split Times:** (24:26) (23:79) (25:45) (6:64)

**Run-Up:** 55 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

**Winner:** Big Bernie, Bay Horse, by Bernardini out of I'm So Fancy, by Unbridled's Song. Foaled Mar 04, 2019 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Nursery Place & Godolphin

**Owner:** Martiniano Martinez

**Trainer:** Castellanos, Jaime

**Claiming Prices:** 3 - Ti Caillou: \$35,000; 6 - Kentucky Dawn: \$30,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$8,001

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Big Bernie	14.20	5.80	4.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	96.40	767
2	Carlea's Dream		4.20	3.20	\$1.00 Exacta	1-2	27.50	3,069
3	Ti Caillou			4.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-2-3	81.40	2,443
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-2-3-4	16.45	1,684

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Big Bernie	3	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>2</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 3/4
2	Carlea's Dream	2	<sup>2</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> 1/2	<sup>2</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> 3/4
3	Ti Caillou	4	<sup>5</sup> 1 3/4	<sup>6</sup> 2 3/4	<sup>5</sup> 4 1/2	<sup>5</sup> 3 1/2	<sup>3</sup> 1 1/2
4	Tap the Dot	5	<sup>4</sup> 1 1/4	<sup>3</sup> 1 1/2	<sup>3</sup> 2 1/2	<sup>3</sup> 2	<sup>4</sup> 1 1/2
6	Kentucky Dawn	1	<sup>3</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 1 1/2	<sup>4</sup> 2 1/2	<sup>4</sup> 2 1/2	<sup>5</sup> 2 1/2
5	Mackinnon	6	<sup>6</sup> 2 1/4	<sup>5</sup> 2 1/2	<sup>6</sup> 5 1/2	<sup>6</sup> 9 1/2	<sup>6</sup> 13 1/4

**Trainers:** 1 - Castellanos, Jaime; 2 - Jacks, Karen; 3 - Willis, Mindy; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Eoff, Terry; 5 - Caldwell, J.

**Owners:** 1 -Martiniano Martinez; 2 - Carl R. Moore Management LLC; 3 - Sheffield, Tracy and Desormeaux, Joe; 4 - Asmussenequine.com and Riley, Martin; 6 -Terry Eoff; 5 - Dupy, Wanda and Dupy, Steve;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BIG BERNIE made the early lead under mild pressure from CARLEA'S DREAM to the far turn, yielded the lead near the quarter pole, but fought back in upper stretch, regained the upper hand, and held on to the wire under strong handling. CARLEA'S DREAM was restless in the gate, stalked BIG BERNIE to the far turn, bid for the lead late, and gained the advantage late on the far turn, but had no answer when that rival came back and had to settle for second. TI CAILLOU secured the rail and was held up near the back through the first turn, saved ground to the stretch, tipped out to the three path for the run home, was kept to steady urging through the stretch, and finished up well enough to gain the minor award. TAP THE DOT raced between horses in the second flight, was never far back but was not doing enough late to make an impact. KENTUCKY DAWN was away well, then content to track behind the leading pair, did not have much of a response when called upon midway on the far turn but kept on and was mildly gaining in the final yards. MACKINNON missed the break, then went four-wide into the first turn, tracked two-wide down the backstretch near the back of the pack, struggled to keep up on the far turn, lost ground and was not a factor in the stretch run.