

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 2, 2026 - Race 5

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 \$21,780, 2nd \$7,260, 3rd \$3,993, 4th \$2,178, 5th \$1,089, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Clear, 78° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 8:19 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Nov25 ⁸ RP ³	4	Ocelot (Gonzalez, Elvin)	121	L b	4	7	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1.10*	stdld bk,wtd,won clear
1Nov25 ⁵ RP ²	3	Illustrator (Diego, Iram)	121	L	3	6	7	7	6 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2.90	held up, rally, gain 2nd
15Nov25 ⁹ RP ⁵	1	Wow That's Hot (Elliott, Stewart)	123	L	1	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3 ^{4 1/2}	5.80	duel, dug in 1/4, wknd
5Oct25 ⁵ RP ²	5	Regal Terka (Parker, Deshawn)	121	L	5	5	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ²	7	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	5.50	mid-pack, even effort
6Dec25 ⁹ GP ⁶	7	Ruddy Buddy (Luzzi, Lane)	121	--	7	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{1/2}	7	5 ^{1/2}	15.20	stalked, lacked finish
31Oct25 ⁸ RP ⁶	6	Brucelea (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	121	L	6	4	4 ²	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1 3/4}	15.50	4-6w, lacked rally
7Nov25 ¹ RP ⁴	2	Bobby Brinkley (Diaz, Rene)	123	L b	2	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	7	11.60	duel 2w, wknd, outfnshd

Fractional Times: 23.52 48.04 1:11.53 1:36.73

Final Time: 1:42.99

Split Times: (24:52) (23:49) (25:20) (6:26)

Run-Up: 63 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

Winner: Ocelot, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Big Blue Kitten out of More Miss Crissy, by More Than Ready. Foaled Mar 24, 2018 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Calumet Farm

Owner: Yari Rivera

Trainer: Ashford, Tristan

Claiming Prices: 1 - Wow That's Hot: \$30,000; 2 - Bobby Brinkley: \$35,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$19,961

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Ocelot	4.20	2.80	2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-4	10.10	362
3	Illustrator		3.20	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	4-3	5.00	6,441
1	Wow That's Hot			3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-3-1	9.75	5,594
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-3-1-5	5.56	3,112
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-3-4 (3 correct)	13.50	755
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1-4-3-4 (3 correct)	9.90	994

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Ocelot	7	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}
3	Illustrator	6	7 ^{6 1/4}	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{2 3/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}
1	Wow That's Hot	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}
5	Regal Terka	5	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/4}	4 ³	4 ⁷
7	Ruddy Buddy	1	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	7 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}
6	Brucelea	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ³	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁸
2	Bobby Brinkley	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ⁴	7 ^{9 3/4}

Trainers: 4 - Ashford, Tristan; 3 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 1 - Asmussen, Steven; 5 - Willis, Mindy; 7 - Werneth, Robert; 6 - Jacks, Karen; 2 - Caldwell, J.

Owners: 4 -Yari Rivera; 3 -Ron A. Stolich; 1 -Clark O. Brewster; 5 -John Wilke; 7 -Michael G. Marks; 6 -Karen E. Jacks; 2 - Dupy, Wanda and Dupy, Steve;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

OCELOT came away from the gate sluggishly and was given a reminder from the rider to get into the race, settled well off the pace near the rear, then started a forward move late on the backstretch, dropped down to the rail into the far turn, had to wait for room, split horses into upper stretch, then finished strong to win clear. ILLUSTRATOR was held up in last through the early stages, then moved up into contention on the far turn, and finished up well to gain the place in a tight finish for second. WOW THAT'S HOT dueled inside of BOBBY BRINKLEY to the far turn, was being confidently ridden to the stretch, then responded when set down, fought on gamely, then weakened a bit in deep stretch. REGAL TERKA settled mid-pack early, lacked room to make a bid through the far turn, then went evenly through the stretch. RUDDY BUDDY got a good stalking position early, just behind the leaders. moved up to join that pair heading into the far turn, but struggled to get on even terms, came under a ride approaching the quarter pole, went five-wide into the stretch, and lacked a finish. BRUCELEA settled in mid-pack four-wide early, then went six-wide through the far turn and lacked a rally. BOBBY BRINKLEY dueled early with WOW THAT'S HOT, raced two-wide onto the main course from the chute, put a head in front heading down the backstretch, came under a stiff drive on the far turn, but was outfinished in the stretch.

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