

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 2, 2026 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$7,000 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 2, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. (NW2 X)

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Bucharest - 1:08.91 - May 11, 1994)

Purse: \$35,000

Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$35,000

Value of Race: \$35,000 1st \$20,880, 2nd \$6,960, 3rd \$3,828, 4th \$2,088, 5th \$1,044, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Clear, 72° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 9:16 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Nov25	10	ZIA ⁸	8	Knock Knock Joke (Parker, Deshawn)		121	L	6 7	7	4 ^{Head}	5 ²	1 1 3/4
25Oct25	7	RP ⁴	9	Mikel W (Alvarez, Jose)		121	L f	7 2	1 ²	1 ¹	2 1/2	2 ^{Neck}
6Dec25	7	RP ¹	4	Mind Bolt (Cabrera, David)		123	L	3 1	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}
3Jul25	1	LS ¹	3	Golden Grit (Diaz, Rene)		121	L b	2 3	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 1/2
11Dec25	7	RP ¹	6	Risk It (Elliott, Stewart)		123	L b	4 5	5 ¹	3 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 3 3/4
25Oct25	7	RP ⁶	1	Zavala (Wethey Jr., Floyd)		121	L b	1 4	2 ^{Head}	7	7	6 ^{Nose}
28Nov25	6	ZIA ³	7	Here Comes Braylon (Gonzalez, Elvin)		121	L b	5 6	6 ¹	6 1/2	6 ^{Head}	7
												9.40 3-4w,some late interes

Fractional Times: 22.66 45.29 57.89

Final Time: 1:11.13

Split Times: (22:63) (12:60) (13:24)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Knock Knock Joke, Bay Gelding, by Practical Joke out of Surrender, by Stormy Atlantic. Foaled May 18, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm

Owner: Judge Lanier Racing LLC

Trainer: Cappellucci, Dick

Scratched Horse(s): Let's Go Mark (RegVet-Illness), Tizabling (RegVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$21,666

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Knock Knock Joke	18.20		5.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-8	30.90	516
9	Mikel W			3.60	\$1.00 Exacta	8-9	55.30	6,862
4	Mind Bolt			2.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-9-4	87.25	5,547
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-9-4-3	67.77	3,110
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-6-8 (3 correct)	86.30	827

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Knock Knock Joke	7	7 ^{4 1/4}	4 ²	5 ^{3/4}	1 1 3/4
9	Mikel W	2	1 ²	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 1 3/4
4	Mind Bolt	1	4 ^{2 1/4}	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ²
3	Golden Grit	3	3 ²	5 ^{2 1/4}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ²
6	Risk It	5	5 ^{2 1/4}	3 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}
1	Zavala	4	2 ²	7 ^{2 3/4}	7 ³	6 ^{6 1/4}
7	Here Comes Braylon	6	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{2 3/4}	7 ^{6 1/2}

Trainers: 8 - Cappellucci, Dick; 9 - Padilla, Carlos; 4 - Calhoun, W.; 3 - Caldwell, J.; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 1 - Gelner, Jayde; 7 - Cappellucci, Dick

Owners: 8 - Judge Lanier Racing LLC; 9 - Haverkamp, Lynn and Fleenor, Rodney; 4 - Highlander Training Center; 3 -Fred Walden; 6 -Steven M. Asmussen; 1 - Simmons and Associates, Inc.; 7 -William Egert;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KNOCK KNOCK JOKE lacked early speed and was last down the backstretch, circled the field four-wide on the turn to be within striking distance at the top of the stretch, continued the rally, made the lead inside the sixteenth pole, and won clear in the end. MIKEL W was sent from the outside post, cleared the field and moved over to the inside before the turn, led the way through the turn under confident handling, was no match for the winner, but fought off a host of challengers in the stretch to take the second prize. MIND BOLT got away well, settled just off the early pace three-wide, moved up to challenge passing the five-sixteenths pole, finished willingly but came up short for 2nd in a mad scramble in the final yards. GOLDEN GRIT was two-deep in the second flight, made a bid up the rail in the stretch, finished well, but came up short. RISK IT raced four-wide in the second flight, loomed four-wide at the top of the stretch, put in a good late run but was not quite doing enough in the late stages. ZAVALA raced close up to the half-mile pole, the steadily retreated to the back on the turn and was not a factor in the late stages. HERE COMES BRAYLON raced three to four wide at the back of the field, finished with some interest, but could not improve.

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