

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 9, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$440 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD.

Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$7,500, allowed 2 lbs. (S) **Claiming Price: \$10,000 - \$7,500**

Distance: Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Hap Hot - 56.98 - February 22, 2025)

Purse: \$11,000

Includes: \$9,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$11,000

Value of Race: \$11,000 1st \$6,540, 2nd \$2,180, 3rd \$1,199, 4th \$654, 5th \$327, 6th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 6:31 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
18Apr25	2	LS ²	3	Spirit of Veterans (Hamilton, Weston)	123	L	3 1	3 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	1.30*	bid1/4,wore down foe
29Nov25	1	RP ³	1	Quixx (Diaz, Rene)	120	L	1 2	1 Head	1 1/2	1	2 1 1/4	12.30 speed,caught late
10Aug25	2	GIL ⁵	2	Cahills Redemption (Guerra, Rodolfo)	123	L	2 4	4 ²	4 ¹	3 ¹	3 ⁴	5.80 waited 5/16,willingly
13Nov25	4	DED ⁹	4	Clarisit (Rosendo, Irwin)	123	L	4 3	2 1 1/2	2 Head	4 ³	4 ^{4 3/4}	6.30 prssd pace,wknd str
5Jul25	6	LS ⁶	6	Short Speech (Luzzi, Lane)	118	L	6 5	5 ³	5 ¹	5 ²	5 6 1/4	1.70 awk st,chs,do threat
7Jul24	5	LS ⁸	5	Eagle Pi (Diego, Iram)	123	L b	5 6	6	6	6	13.20	outrun, trailed

Fractional Times: 22.67 46.86

Final Time: 59.85

Split Times: (24:19) (12:99)

Run-Up: 47 feet

Winner: Spirit of Veterans, Chestnut Filly, by Bradester out of Um Melakeh, by Jump Start. Foaled Feb 12, 2022 in Texas.

Breeder: Joan Ellen Carlson

Owner: Heider Racing Stables LLC

Trainer: Pish, Danny

Claiming Prices: 3 - Spirit of Veterans: \$10,000; 1 - Quixx: \$10,000; 2 - Cahills Redemption: \$10,000; 4 - Clarisit: \$10,000; 6 - Short Speech: \$10,000; 5 - Eagle Pi: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$3,088

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Spirit of Veterans	4.60	2.80	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	3-1	9.10	1,306
1	Quixx		5.40	3.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-2	22.70	777
2	Cahills Redemption			4.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-2-4	10.98	862

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin
3	Spirit of Veterans	1	3 1 1/2	3 1/2	2 ¹	1 1/2
1	Quixx	2	1 Head	1 1/2	1 ¹	2 1/2
2	Cahills Redemption	4	4 ²	4 ¹	3 1 1/2	3 1 3/4
4	Clarisit	3	2 Head	2 1/2	4 2 1/2	4 5 3/4
6	Short Speech	5	5 ⁴	5 ²	5 5 1/2	5 10 1/2
5	Eagle Pi	6	6 ⁷	6 ³	6 7 1/2	6 16 3/4

Trainers: 3 - Pish, Danny; 1 - Caldwell, J.; 2 - Hurley, Tina; 4 - Sauceda, Jesse; 6 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 5 - Padilla, Carlos

Owners: 3 - Heider Racing Stables LLC; 1 - Indigo Racing; 2 -Dorothy Lemecha; 4 - K and K Racing Stables LLC; 6 -Ron A. Stolich; 5 -Kenneth E. Sykes;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SPIRIT OF VETERANS settled off the pace, then advanced to bid for the lead three-wide near the quarter pole, chased a determined QUIXX down the lane and surged ahead in the final yards to prevail. QUIXX veered in towards the rail after the start but had the best speed, cleared early, then was pressed by CLARISIT through the turn, held on gamely through the stretch despite challenges on both sides, and just failed to last. CAHILLS REDEMPTION settled in min-pack to the inside, waited for running room late on the turn, then bid up the rail into the stretch, finished willingly but came up short in the final yards. CLARISIT moved up after the start to press QUIXX on the lead through the turn, then weakened a bit in the stretch run. SHORT SPEECH came out of the gate a bit awkwardly then bumped with the inside rival, hustled up three-wide to chase the main pack to the stretch, but was unable to threaten. EAGLE PI dropped back after the break and chased throughout.