

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 9, 2026 - Race 6

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$2,000 ATB) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 119

lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500. Texas Bred Claiming Price \$10,000. **Claiming Price:** \$7,500**Distance:** Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Hap Hot - 56.98 - February 22, 2025)**Purse:** \$10,000**Includes:** \$8,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account**Available Money:** \$10,000**Value of Race:** \$10,000 1st \$6,000, 2nd \$2,000, 3rd \$1,100, 4th \$600, 5th \$300**Weather:** Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast**Off at:** 8:43 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 3/16 | 3/8 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
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| 22Dec25 | 1 | DED ⁴ | 6 | Hot Route (Gonzalez, Elvin) | <small>VA CERTIFIED</small> | 123 | L b | 5 5 | 3 1/2 | 3 1 | 1 Head | 1 1 1/4 |
| 5Oct25 | 9 | RP ⁴ | 2 | Wishful Winker (Rivera, Santos) | | 123 | L | 2 4 | 4 1/2 | 4 2 | 4 5 | 2 Neck |
| 7Nov25 | 3 | RP ³ | 1 | Last Pick (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto) | <small>VA CERTIFIED</small> | 119 | L b | 1 3 | 1 Head | 2 1/2 | 2 Head | 3 2 |
| 12Jul25 | 4 | LS ⁷ | 3 | Silivas (Hamilton, Weston) | | 123 | L b | 3 1 | 2 1 1/2 | 1 Head | 3 1 1/2 | 4 5 |
| 8Aug25 | 9 | RP ¹⁰ | 5 | Knotty Kitty (Wiseman, Isaiah) | | 123 | L | 4 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Fractional Times: 22.49 47.51**Final Time:** 1:00.33**Split Times:** (25.02) (12.82)**Run-Up:** 25 feet**Winner:** Hot Route, Chestnut Mare, by Audible out of Ezpzylemonsqueezy, by Lemon Drop Kid. Foaled Mar 01, 2021 in Kentucky.**Breeder:** David Menard**Owner:** Greg Klaerner**Trainer:** Garza, Joaquin**Claiming Prices:** 6 - Hot Route: \$7,500; 2 - Wishful Winker: \$7,500; 1 - Last Pick: \$7,500; 3 - Silivas: \$7,500; 5 - Knotty Kitty: \$10,000;**Scratched Horse(s):** R Joan Jets (Stewards)**Total WPS Pool:** \$7,840

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|----------------|-------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 6 | Hot Route | 12.00 | 3.40 | 2.20 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 5-6 | 34.50 | 107 |
| 2 | Wishful Winker | | 2.60 | 2.10 | \$1.00 Exacta | 6-2 | 12.50 | 2,148 |
| 1 | Last Pick | | | 2.20 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 6-2-1 | 8.25 | 2,240 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 3-5-6 (3 correct) | 45.70 | 566 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 3/16 | 3/8 | Str | Fin |
|-----|----------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 6 | Hot Route | 5 | 3 1 1/2 | 3 1/2 | 1 Head | 1 1 1/4 |
| 2 | Wishful Winker | 4 | 4 2 | 4 1 1/2 | 4 1 3/4 | 2 1 1/4 |
| 1 | Last Pick | 3 | 1 Head | 2 Head | 2 Head | 3 1 1/2 |
| 3 | Silivas | 1 | 2 Head | 1 Head | 3 Head | 4 3 1/2 |
| 5 | Knotty Kitty | 2 | 5 2 1/2 | 5 3 1/2 | 5 6 3/4 | 5 8 1/2 |

Trainers: 6 - Garza, Joaquin; 2 - Cravens III, Ronnie; 1 - Cravens III, Ronnie; 3 - Eoff, Terry; 5 - Eoff, Terry**Owners:** 6 - Greg Klaerner; 2 - JZ Racing Stables; 1 - Champion Racing Stable and Faulk, Tony; 3 - Evans, Johnny B. and Eoff, Terry; 5 - Terry Eoff;**Footnotes |** [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HOT ROUTE was last of the quintet out of the gate, then moved up three-wide around the turn to bid for the lead near the quarter pole, and finished up strong under strong handling and urging. WISHLFUL WINKER was under a ride from the outset, always prominent, finished willingly, found best stride inside the sixteenth, surged late, and just missed. LAST PICK dueled with SILIVAS from the start, due in when set down passing the quarter pole, battled gamely to deep stretch but was outfinished in the final yards. SILIVAS broke best but was taken on immediately by LAST PICK, dueled to the outside of that rival to mid-stretch and weakened in the final furlong. KNOTTY KITTY raced close up to the turn, then dropped back and was outrun the rest of the way.

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