

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 10, 2026 - Race 4
EQUIBASE

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

 (PLUS UP TO \$780 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 10, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000, if for \$15,000, allowed 2 lbs. (S) **Claiming**
Price: \$20,000 - \$15,000

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Brass Jacks - 1:15.77 - May 21, 1994)

Purse: \$19,500

Includes: \$18,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$19,500

 [Video Race Replay](#)
Value of Race: \$19,500 1st \$11,580, 2nd \$3,860, 3rd \$2,123, 4th \$1,158, 5th \$579, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 53° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:26 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
29Nov25	5	Team Gormley (Wethay Jr., Floyd)	121	L	4	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	2 ¹ /2	1 ^{Neck}	5.90	trk3w, stdy fin, just up
18Aug25	7	Ring Seeker (Asmussen, Erik)	121	L	3	2	2 ¹ /2	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ³	3.20	stlk, led3/8, game effrt
19Dec25	3	Vietnam Victory (Hamilton, Weston)	123	L b	2	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹	3 ¹ /2	3 ¹ 3/4	3.60	rank, good fnsh, nd more
3Jan26	6	Bling Mountain (Gonzalez, Elvin)	121	L	5	4	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ² 1/2	4 ³ 1/4	1.40*	trk4-5w, bid5/16, flatnd
29Nov25	5	Son of a Bling (Diaz, Rene)	121	L b	6	1	6 ¹	7	6 ^{Head}	5 ¹ 1/4	8.10	7-wide, no factor
23Dec25	9	Iberian Runner (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	121	L bf	7	7	7	6 ² 1/2	5 ¹ /2	6 ³	19.10	outkicked
29Nov25	5	Hezakoolkat (Guerra, Rodolfo)	121	L	1	5	1 ¹ /2	2 ^{Head}	7	7	17.30	assumed lead, gave way

Fractional Times: 23.61 47.67 1:12.46

Final Time: 1:18.88

Split Times: (24:06) (24:79) (6:42)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Team Gormley, Bay Gelding, by Gormley out of Dance Team, by Dynaformer. Foaled Apr 20, 2020 in Texas.

Breeder: CJ Thoroughbreds

Owner: Puryear, Jeffry L and Puryear, Julie

Trainer: Scholl, Kevin

Claiming Prices: 5 - Team Gormley: \$20,000; 4 - Ring Seeker: \$20,000; 2 - Vietnam Victory: \$20,000; 6 - Bling Mountain: \$20,000; 7 - Son of a Bling: \$20,000; 8 - Iberian Runner: \$20,000; 1 - Hezakoolkat: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Hard Gold (Re-entered)

Total WPS Pool: \$10,545

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
5	Team Gormley	13.80	6.00	3.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-5	48.70	166	
4	Ring Seeker		5.00	3.60	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	37.70	5,433	
2	Vietnam Victory			3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-4-2	65.55	3,353	
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-4-2-6	19.42	2,333	
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-3-5 (3 correct)	46.90	375	
					\$0.20 Z-5 Super Hi-5	5-4-2-6-7	50.82	232	498

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Team Gormley	3	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Neck}
4	Ring Seeker	2	2 ¹ /2	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Neck}
2	Vietnam Victory	6	5 ² 1/2	5 ² 1/4	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ³ 1/4
6	Bling Mountain	4	4 ² 1/2	4 ²	4 ²	4 ⁵
7	Son of a Bling	1	6 ² 3/4	7 ⁵ 3/4	6 ⁵	5 ⁸ 1/4
8	Iberian Runner	7	7 ³ 3/4	6 ³ 1/4	5 ⁴ 1/2	6 ⁹ 1/2
1	Hezakoolkat	5	1 ¹ /2	2 ¹	7 ⁵	7 ¹² 1/2

Trainers: 5 - Scholl, Kevin; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 2 - Pish, Danny; 6 - Davidson, M.; 7 - Caldwell, J.; 8 - Govea, Cesar; 1 - Chacaltana, Domingo

Owners: 5 - Puryear, Jeffry L and Puryear, Julie; 4 - Steven M. Asmussen; 2 - Gee Family Racing LLC; 6 - James D. Pratt; 7 - Treloar, Theresa and Penta, Steve; 8 - L and G Racing Stables; 1 - Alvaro Rivera Talamantes;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

TEAM GORMLEY broke well but settled back to let the pace scenario play out, tracked three-wide to the turn, launched a bid leaving the three-furlong pole, was under strong handling and urging, gradually closed the gap on RING SEEKER on the lead, and just got up in the shadow of the wire. RING SEEKER broke on top then was content to cede the lead to HEZAKOOLKAT, stalked that one into the turn, then assumed the lead passing the three-furlong pole under confident handling, responded when set down at the top of the stretch, held clear under strong handling to deep stretch, but could not hold off the winner in the final jumps. VIETNAM VICTORY was a little rank leaving the gate and last in the initial stages, moved up the inside into contention before the turn, was under a ride through the turn to hold position, then finished up willingly but was not quite doing enough in the late stages and was out finished. BLING MOUNTAIN tracked four or five wide in the middle of the field, launched a bid from the five-sixteenths marker, loomed a big threat to mid-stretch, then flattened out a bit in the final furlong. SON OF A BLING was seven-wide down the backstretch, dropped to last position before the turn, chased the field through the stretch, and managed to pass a couple of tired rivals in the late stages. IBERIAN RUNNER raced at the back of the compact field and eight wide down the backstretch, angled to the rail for the turn, tried to rally under a stiff drive from before the three-furlong pole but was outkicked in the stretch. HEZAKOOLKAT made the lead before the five-furlong pole without really being asked, held a short lead into the turn, gave way readily with three furlongs to run, and went one-paced in the stretch with the rider not asking for much in the late stages.