

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 16, 2026 - Race 5

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO \$440 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$7,500, allowed 2 lbs. (S) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$7,500

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Bucharest - 1:21.29 - May 4, 1996)

Purse: \$11,000

Includes: \$9,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$11,000

Value of Race: \$11,000 1st \$6,480, 2nd \$2,160, 3rd \$1,188, 4th \$618, 5th \$354, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 65° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 8:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
11Jan26 ³ HOU ⁵	3	Cause Im the King (Rivera, Santos)	123	L b	3	3	3 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	15.60	tk cmd,held safe late
10Aug25 ¹¹ GIL ³	1	Gus Cause (Diego, Iram)	123	- -	1	6	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ³	2 ^{5 1/2}	7.30	mid-pk,closed gap late
4Jan26 ⁴ HOU ⁵	8	Drama King (Figueroa, Cerapio)	123	L b	7	5	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁶	3 ^{3/4}	2.30	trk3w,moved up 3rd
12Dec25 ⁵ RP ⁷	5	Oklahoma Flame (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	123	L b	4	2	1 ¹	2 ²	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{20 3/4}	1.30*	slw pc,rebid1/4,wknd
3Jan26 ³ HOU ⁴	7	Last Affair (Guerra, Rodolfo)	123	L	6	1	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ⁴	5 ¹⁰	6.00	3w,close,stopped5/16
13Jul25 ⁴ LS ¹⁰	2	Otherbrotherdaryl (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123	L bf	2	7	6 ¹	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁵⁰	6	7.40	outrun,eased,walk off
23Sep25 ³ LAD ⁵	6	Doc Henry Ridge (Morales, Adrian)	124	b	5	4	7	7	7	---	16.40	distanced,bled;eq amb

Fractional Times: 23.82 48.16 1:14.28

Final Time: 1:27.91

Split Times: (24:34) (26:12) (13:63)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Cause Im the King, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by King Zachary out of Ruff Cause, by Niagara Causeway. Foaled Mar 10, 2022 in Texas.

Breeder: Melanie Marie Peterson

Owner: Casey Lee Pinkston

Trainer: Baldillez Jr., Alejandro

Claiming Prices: 3 - Cause Im the King: \$10,000; 1 - Gus Cause: \$10,000; 8 - Drama King: \$10,000; 5 - Oklahoma Flame: \$10,000; 7 - Last Affair: \$10,000; 2 - Otherbrotherdaryl: \$10,000; 6 - Doc Henry Ridge: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Tommy Kat (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$14,896

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Cause Im the King	33.20	11.40	6.40	\$1.00 Exacta	3-1	218.20	4,997
1	Gus Cause		8.60	5.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-8	374.50	4,502
8	Drama King			3.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-8-5	360.44	3,093
					\$1.00 Daily Double	8-ALL	1.80	202
					\$1.00 Daily Double	ALL-3	35.80	0
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-8-ALL (3 correct)	235.10	278

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Cause Im the King	3	3 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}
1	Gus Cause	6	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}
8	Drama King	5	4 ³	5 ^{2 3/4}	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}
5	Oklahoma Flame	2	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/4}
7	Last Affair	1	2 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{10 1/2}	5 ²⁷
2	Otherbrotherdaryl	7	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{14 1/2}	6 ³⁷
6	Doc Henry Ridge	4	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{9 3/4}	7 ^{64 1/2}	---

Trainers: 3 - Baldillez Jr., Alejandro; 1 - Fuentes, Sergio; 8 - Eoff, Terry; 5 - Gelner, Jayde; 7 - Hurley, Tina; 2 - Castellanos, Jaime; 6 - Mejia, Aracely

Owners: 3 -Casey Lee Pinkston; 1 -Maria A. Silva; 8 - Evans, Johnny B. and Eoff, Terry; 5 - Flying B Ranch Cattle Company LLC; 7 - Century Acres Farm; 2 -Darrell W. Bravenec; 6 -Cynthia M. Larrea;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CAUSE IM THE KING took advantage of the slow early pace to race just off the lead to the inside, took command approaching tseven-sixteenths marker and quickened the pace through the turn, brushed off a challenge by OKLAHOMA FLAME near the quarter pole, opened up under steady handling and intermittent urging to got a little short in the late stages and just held clear from a fast closing rival on the outside. GUS CAUSE raced in mid-pack down the backstretch, swung three-wide for the stretch run, was steadily gaining ground on the leader, but came up just short at the wire. DRAMA KING tracked three-wide in mid-pack, kept to task late to move up into the third position, while never a serious threat to the top two. OKLAHOMA FLAME broke best and attempted to slow the pace, ceded the lead to CAUSE IM THE KING heading into the turn, then came back on to bid for the lead at the quarter pole but could not go on with that one in upper stretch and weakened. LAST AFFAIR raced three-wide and close up to the early leaders, then slowed to a walk in the stretch and was eased to the finish. OTHERBROTHERDARYL was a little slow to begin, moved up closer to the front in the run down the backstretch, then had to be ridden to keep up as the pace quickened into the turn and was eased up and not persevered with when hopelessly behind and walked off. DOC HENRY RIDGE dropped back after a level start to race in last before the turn, was eased up, distanced and galloped out to the finish line, vetted, then transported back to the barn in the equine ambulance; was later reported to have bled.