

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 18, 2026 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO \$480 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 18, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (S) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000

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

Purse: \$12,000

Available Money: \$12,000

Value of Race: \$12,000 1st \$7,020, 2nd \$2,340, 3rd \$1,287, 4th \$702, 5th \$351, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

Weather: Clear, 51° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:53 **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
4Jan26 ³ HOU ⁵	4	Fort Hood (Elliott, Stewart)	121	L	bf	4	4	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	7.60 press 2wd,drew away
15Dec25 ⁴ ZIA ³	3	Algebra (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	121	L	b	3	6	4 ^{Head}	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ⁴	4.90 2-3w,outkicked,2d best
23Sep25 ⁹ LAD ⁶	1	Bandera Bling (Asmussen, Erik)	121	L		1	8	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	3.40 stp slw,ins,angl out
23Oct25 ⁴ RP ¹	8	Hard Gold (Diaz, Rene)	123	L	b	8	1	6 ²	6 ²	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	4.00 4-5w,needed more late
10Jan26 ⁴ HOU ⁵	2	Son of a Bling (Luzzi, Lane)	121	L	b	2	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{Neck}	3.20* duel inside,faded late
10Jan26 ⁴ HOU ⁷	5	Hezakoolkat (Guerra, Rodolfo)	121	L		5	7	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	6 ³	4.00 trck btw 3w,weakened
10Jan26 ⁴ HOU ⁶	6	Iberian Runner (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	121	L	bf	6	3	8	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ¹	7 ^{Nose}	19.60 saved ground,no threat
23Sep25 ⁹ LAD ¹⁰	7	Samsplayerslounge (Hernandez, Javier)	121	L	b	7	2	7 ^{Head}	8	8	8	30.60 took back,no factor

Fractional Times: 23.14 46.76 59.41

Final Time: 1:12.05

Split Times: (23:62) (12:65) (12:64)

Run-Up: 38 feet

Winner: Fort Hood, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Moro Tap out of Let's Get Fiscal, by Bandini. Foaled Apr 17, 2020 in Texas.

Breeder: Stephen Baker

Owner: Stephen R. Baker

Trainer: Davidson, M.

1 Claimed Horse(s): Algebra New Trainer: Barry Hodgson New Owner: Barry Hodgson

Claiming Prices: 4 - Fort Hood: \$5,000; 3 - Algebra: \$5,000; 1 - Bandera Bling: \$5,000; 8 - Hard Gold: \$5,000; 2 - Son of a Bling: \$5,000; 5 - Hezakoolkat: \$5,000; 6 - Iberian Runner: \$5,000; 7 - Samsplayerslounge: \$5,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$5,110

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Fort Hood	17.20	6.60	4.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-4	250.00	284
3	Algebra		7.80	3.80	\$1.00 Exacta	4-3	59.80	1,958
1	Bandera Bling			3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-3-1	78.60	1,604
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-3-1-8	98.50	1,219
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-3-4 (3 correct)	786.30	555
					\$0.50 Pick 4	4-3-3-4 (4 correct)	315.90	1,032

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Fort Hood	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}
3	Algebra	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}
1	Bandera Bling	8	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ³	4 ³	3 ^{7 1/2}
8	Hard Gold	1	6 ^{1 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁴	4 ^{8 1/4}
2	Son of a Bling	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}
5	Hezakoolkat	7	5 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{8 3/4}
6	Iberian Runner	3	8 ⁴	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{11 3/4}
7	Samsplayerslounge	2	7 ^{3 3/4}	8 ⁷	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{11 3/4}

Trainers: 4 - Davidson, M.; 3 - Green, Ike; 1 - Jacks, Karen; 8 - Caldwell, J.; 2 - Caldwell, J.; 5 - Chacaltana, Domingo; 6 - Govea, Cesar; 7 - Mejia, Jacobo

Owners: 4 -Stephen R. Baker; 3 -Ike Green; 1 - Schlansky, Desra and Smoak, Julie; 8 - Lonestar Thoroughbreds, LLC; 2 - Treloar, Theresa and Penta, Steve; 5 -Alvaro Rivera Talamantes; 6 - L and G Racing Stables; 7 -Jacobco Mejia;

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FORT HOOD traded bumps at the start but was away in good order, showed early speed and contested the pace along the backstretch, pressed into the turn then vied for the lead at the quarter marker, battled SON OF A BLING to upper stretch then put away that rival into the final furlong, drew away in the lane and kept to task under moderate urging in the final stages. ALGEBRA brushed with FORT HOOD leaving the break but was away in good order, tracked the early pace from between rivals, was well placed while two wide to the turn, angled three wide to upper stretch and rallied to the furlong marker, could not keep pace with the winner into the final sixteenth and was second best. BANDERA BLING broke in at the start and was off a step slowly, recovered to be forwardly placed in the early stages, tracked the pace while saving ground into the turn, chased from the inside into upper stretch, angled out at the furlong marker, could not match strides with the top pair late and ran on to earn the show honors. HARD GOLD tracked the early pace while widest along the backstretch, chased four wide into the turn, ran in pursuit while widest to upper stretch, needed more in the final sixteenth and was outkicked late for third. SON OF A BLING broke alertly, showed good speed away from the gate and contested the early pace with FORT HOOD, dueling inside of that runner heading into the turn, battled that rival into the lane, could not keep pace into the final furlong and faded in the final sixteenth. HEZAKOOLKAT broke a bit slowly, recovered to track the early pace from between rivals, was well placed while three wide and between foes heading to the turn, chased three wide to the quarter pole then was outkicked to upper stretch, could not find more in the drive and weakened late. IBERIAN RUNNER settled off of the early pace then saved ground to the turn, maintained an inside path to the stretch, could not muster the needed late response and failed to threaten in the final stages. SAMSPLAYERSLOUNGE took back in the early stages, coaxed two wide to the quarter pole, lacked the needed response into the stretch and did not factor late.