

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 23, 2026 - Race 8

EQUIBASE

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$1,460 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2026. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 23, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. (SNW1 3M)

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

Purse: \$36,500

Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Plus: \$7,000 TTA - TX Thoroughbred Assoc.

Available Money: \$43,500

Value of Race: \$43,500 1st \$25,980, 2nd \$8,660, 3rd \$4,763, 4th \$2,598, 5th \$1,299, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 63° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 9:45 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Dec25	11	RP ⁵	6	Victory for Vets (Alvarez, Jose)	123	L b	5 1	1 1/2	1 Head	1 Head	1 Nose	1.80* pace inside,game,held
20Dec25	10	OP ¹⁰	2	Raise the Bar (Asmussen, Erik)	121	L	1 7	3 Head	3 Head	2 Head	2 3/4	2.10 vied 3w,game,missed
2Jan26	7	HOU ⁴	7	Golden Grit (Luzzi, Lane)	121	L b	6 2	2 1	2 1 1/2	3 2	3 1 3/4	9.60 vied btw,in tight late
5Jul25	1	LS ²	5	Turn North (Vazquez, Ramon)	121	L b	4 5	5 2	5 Head	5 2	4 1/2	10.00 ins,angl out,late run
23Aug25	9	RP ⁴	8	Too Much Action (Diaz, Rene)	121	L b	7 3	4 5	4 7	4 1 1/2	5 1 1/4	2.80 trkd 3-4w,flattened
20Dec25	6	RP ⁶	4	Jolly Samurai (Hamilton, Weston)	121	L b	3 4	6 6	6 9	6 10	6 14 1/4	12.00 2-3w,mild late bid
4Jan26	7	HOU ⁵	3	Tigers 'n Bears (Elliott, Stewart)	123	L b	2 6	7	7	7	7	28.20 no speed

Fractional Times: 22.41 44.77 1:09.93

Final Time: 1:23.57

Split Times: (22:36) (25:16) (13:64)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Victory for Vets, Chestnut Gelding, by Tapiture out of Diamondinthestream, by Smart Strike. Foaled Apr 24, 2021 in Texas.

Breeder: AsmussenEquine.com

Owner: James Stodola

Trainer: Calhoun, W.

Scratched Horse(s): Painted Lad (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$13,507

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Victory for Vets	5.60	2.60	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	6-2	11.10	6,602
2	Raise the Bar		3.80	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-2-7	31.50	5,347
7	Golden Grit			4.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-2-7-5	43.18	3,626
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-2-6 (3 correct)	104.80	571
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-6	38.40	1,755

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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2	Raise the Bar	7	3 1 1/2	3 1 1/2	2 Head	2 Nose
7	Golden Grit	2	2 1/2	2 Head	3 Head	3 3/4
5	Turn North	5	5 6 1/2	5 8 3/4	5 3 3/4	4 2 1/2
8	Too Much Action	3	4 1 1/2	4 1 3/4	4 2 1/4	5 3
4	Jolly Samurai	4	6 8 1/2	6 8 3/4	6 5 3/4	6 4 1/4
3	Tigers 'n Bears	6	7 14 1/2	7 17 3/4	7 15 3/4	7 18 1/2

Trainers: 6 - Calhoun, W.; 2 - Asmussen, Steven; 7 - Caldwell, J.; 5 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 8 - Caldwell, J.; 4 - Pish, Danny; 3 - Pish, Danny

Owners: 6 -James Stodola; 2 -Douglas Scharbauer; 7 -Fred Walden; 5 -Russell Welch; 8 - Scott, Jeff, Scott, Penny, Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, Ferguson, Danielle and Ferguson, Parker; 4 -Jake Brown; 3 - Duffy's Racing Stable LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VICTORY FOR VETS broke alertly and vied for the early lead, contested the pace inside of GOLDEN GRIT along the backstretch run, dueled that rival into the turn and disputed the solid pace to the quarter marker, met oncoming bids to upper stretch and dug in into the final furlong, was unyielding to deep stretch and held for a determined win at the wire. RAISE THE BAR raced close up to the early pace while inside of rivals, angled three wide into the turn and stalked the leading pair nearing the quarter marker, bid three wide into the stretch, battled a pair of inner rivals into the final sixteenth, came in a bit to crowd GOLDEN GRIT in deep stretch and just missed for the win, while holding for the place. GOLDEN GRIT was prominent leaving the gate and contested the early pace from outside of VICTORY FOR VETS, pressed that rival through solid fractions nearing the quarter pole, vied between rivals into the stretch, was caught in tight between foes into the final sixteenth, steadied in deep stretch and was outfinished by the top pair, while holding clearly for third. TURN NORTH settled off of the early pace, saved ground into the turn and advanced nearing the quarter marker, maintained an inside path to the stretch and rallied to the furlong pole, angled out in the final sixteenth, was gaining in deep stretch but could not reel in the leaders in the final yards. TOO MUCH ACTION raced close up to the early pace while outside of rivals, tracked the solid pace three then four wide into the turn, chased to upper stretch, drifted out into the final furlong, could not sustain his run to the final sixteenth and flattened out. JOLLY SAMURAI was allowed to settle in the early stages, coaxed two wide to the quarter marker, swung three wide for the stretch drive, needed more in the final sixteenth and offered a mild late rally. TIGERS 'N BEARS lacked early speed, trailed to the turn and was never involved. THERE WAS A STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO THE STRETCH RUN OF THIS RACE. IN ADDITION, THE JOCKEY OF GOLDEN GRIT LODGED AN OBJECTION AGAINST THE JOCKEY OF RAISE THE BAR, CLAIMING INTERFERENCE IN THE FINAL SIXTEENTH. THE STEWARDS RULED THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE.