

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 24, 2026 - Race 3

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$4,400 ATB) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$15,000 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$25,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race Since October 24, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000. Texas Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. (C)

Claiming Price: \$25,000

Distance: Five Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 5 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Hap Hot - 56.98 -

February 22, 2025)

Purse: \$22,000

Available Money: \$22,000

Value of Race: \$22,000 1st \$13,140, 2nd \$4,380, 3rd \$2,409, 4th \$1,314, 5th \$657, 6th \$100



[Video Race Replay](#)

Weather: Cloudy, 41° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

Off at: 2:00 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16Jan26	7	TP ⁴	5	Hideki (Asmussen, Keith)	123	L	2 6	6	5 1/2	4 1/2	1 Neck	2.30 off slw, rally, got up
20Sep25	3	RP ⁴	6	Bendelene (Diego, Iram)	121	L b	3 1	2 Head	2 Head	1 1/2	2 Neck	2.50 prssd2d,clr,just misse
22Nov25	5	RP ¹	7	Regal Rumor (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123	L f	4 3	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1 1/2	3 3 1/4	1.40* prssd3w, finished well
29Oct25	5	CT ⁶	8	Ok by Me (Fuentes, Mario)	121	L b	5 5	4 ¹	4 ⁴	3 ¹	4 ² 3/4	9.80 prssd4w,outfinished
22Jul25	8	PID ¹⁰	10	Serenade a Kitten (Benavides, Daniel)	121	L b	6 2	5 ⁴	6	6	5 7 1/2	16.70 chsd,willing,no threat
21Jun25	3	LS ⁹	1	Let Freedom Bling (Gonzalez, Elvin)	121	L h	1 4	1 1/2	1 Head	5 1 1/2	6	11.10 sent,vied ins,gave way

Fractional Times: 22.67 46.59

Final Time: 59.25

Split Times: (23:92) (12:66)

Run-Up: 41 feet

Winner: Hideki, Chestnut Mare, by Run Away and Hide out of I'am Toorific, by Teton Forest. Foaled Apr 28, 2019 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Ryan D. Walsh

Owner: Steven M. Asmussen

Trainer: Asmussen, Steven

Claiming Prices: 5 - Hideki: \$25,000; 1 - Let Freedom Bling: \$30,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Bling It to Me (Off-Turf), Claire June (Off-Turf), Factor That (Off-Turf), Phunk (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$13,948

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Hideki	6.60		3.80	\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	8.00	8,568
6	Bendelene			3.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-7	5.70	5,686
7	Regal Rumor			2.10	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-7-8	2.54	2,490
					\$1.00 Pick 3	2-6-5 (3 correct)	51.10	1,123
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-5	21.20	915

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin
5	Hideki	6	6 ⁶	5 ⁴ 3/4	4 ³	1 Neck
6	Bendelene	1	2 ¹ /2	2 Head	1 1/2	2 Neck
7	Regal Rumor	3	3 ¹ /2	3 Head	2 1/2	3 1/2
8	Ok by Me	5	4 ¹	4 ³ /4	3 ²	4 ³ 3/4
10	Serenade a Kitten	2	5 ²	6 ⁵ 1/4	6 ⁵	5 6 1/2
1	Let Freedom Bling	4	1 ¹ /2	1 Head	5 ³ 1/2	6 ¹ 4

Trainers: 5 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Padilla, Carlos; 7 - Cravens III, Ronnie; 8 - Werneth, Robert; 10 - Rivera, Jose; 1 - Davidson, Sarah

Owners: 5 - Steven M. Asmussen; 6 - Patricia Weelborg; 7 - JZ Racing Stables; 8 - Michael G. Marks; 10 - Jose Juan Rivera; 1 - Henry S. Witt, Jr.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HIDEKI was slow to begin and spotted the field a head start, chased from well back early, then rallied from the five-sixteenths marker, closed the gap on the leaders late, and was along just in time. BENDELENE pressed the early pace two-deep, put a nose in front at the quarter pole, had a clear lead in mid-stretch, then was caught in the last jump. REGAL RUMOR was coaxed a bit to get into the race early, pressed the pace three-wide, finished well, but came up a bit short in the end. OK BY ME settled early, moved up four-wide to press the early pace, vied to the stretch, then was outfinished. SERENADE A KITTEN chased well behind the quartet contesting the early pace, then finished with some late interest but could not make up much ground in the late stages. LET FREEDOM BLING was sent to the front to grab the early advantage, then had three rivals stacked up through the turn and into the stretch, then gave way in upper stretch.