

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 31, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO \$3,200 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 31, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000. Texas Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. (Rail at 30 feet). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000
Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Tiz Gianni - 1:35.55 - February 10, 2015)

Purse: \$16,000
Includes: \$10,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account
Available Money: \$16,000
Value of Race: \$16,000 1st \$9,420, 2nd \$3,140, 3rd \$1,727, 4th \$942, 5th \$471, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100
Weather: Clear, 43° **Track:** Firm
Off at: 1:28 **Start:** Good for all except 6,7 **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Jan26 ⁵ HOU ³	1	Absolutely Certain (Alvarez, Jose)	121	L	1	6	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹	4 ¹	4 ¹	1 ¹	0.60*	in cover,clr3/16,surgd
11Dec25 ¹ RP ¹	5	Quality Style (Hamilton, Weston)	123	L	5	1	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	2 ²	10.40	pace,led upr,2nd best
10Jan26 ⁵ HOU ⁵	7	Down the Islands (Pena, Brayan)	121	L b	7	8	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{3/4}	9.90	off slw,3-4w,gd fnsh3d
23Jan26 ⁶ HOU ²	9	Roaring Rapids (Elliott, Stewart)	121	L b	8	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	3.40	prssd3w,4w bid,faltrd
10Jan26 ⁵ HOU ²	6	Aries Honor (Fuentes, Mario)	121	L b	6	5	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{3/4}	8.20	awk st,bid1/4,oufnshd
10Jan26 ⁵ HOU ⁷	3	Withering Gaze (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	121	L	3	2	6 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	40.00	sttld,left lead,no bid
18Dec25 ⁵ RP ⁷	2	Rickie Roooo Ster (Parker, Deshawn)	123	L bf	2	7	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	7 ² 1/2	7 ⁴	7 ⁶ 1/2	24.80	took back,no late bid
11Jan26 ⁷ HOU ⁷	4	Royalist (Gonzalez, Elvin)	121	L	4	3	8	8	8	8	8	21.60	sttld bk,lacked rally

Fractional Times: 23.55 49.29 1:14.23 1:26.53 **Final Time:** 1:38.69
Split Times: (25:74) (24:94) (12:30) (12:16)
Run-Up: 247 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

Winner: Absolutely Certain, Bay Gelding, by Always Dreaming out of Letchworth, by Tiznow. Foaled May 09, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Henley Farms Inc. & Siena Farms, LLC
Owner: Highlander Training Center
Trainer: Calhoun, W.

Claiming Prices: 1 - Absolutely Certain: \$25,000; 5 - Quality Style: \$25,000; 7 - Down the Islands: \$25,000; 9 - Roaring Rapids: \$25,000; 6 - Aries Honor: \$25,000; 3 - Withering Gaze: \$25,000; 2 - Rickie Roooo Ster: \$25,000; 4 - Royalist: \$25,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Secrecy Is Evil (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$10,363

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
1	Absolutely Certain	3.20	3.20	2.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-1	3.20	1,299
5	Quality Style		7.40	6.40	\$1.00 Exacta	1-5	17.50	8,517
7	Down the Islands			4.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-5-7	36.95	6,725
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-5-7-9	17.13	5,683

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Absolutely Certain	6	4 ²	4 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	1 ¹
5	Quality Style	1	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	2 ¹
7	Down the Islands	8	5 ³ 1/2	5 ²	6 ² 3/4	5 ² 1/4	3 ³
9	Roaring Rapids	4	3 ²	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ¹	4 ³ 3/4
6	Aries Honor	5	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ³ 3/4
3	Withering Gaze	2	6 ³ 3/4	6 ² 1/4	5 ² 1/2	6 ² 1/4	6 ⁴ 1/2
2	Rickie Roooo Ster	7	7 ⁴ 3/4	7 ² 3/4	7 ² 3/4	7 ² 1/2	7 ⁴ 3/4
4	Royalist	3	8 ⁵ 1/4	8 ³ 3/4	8 ⁵ 1/4	8 ⁶ 1/2	8 ¹¹ 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Calhoun, W.; 5 - Pish, Danny; 7 - Davidson, Sarah; 9 - Jacks, Karen; 6 - Davidson, Sarah; 3 - Willis, Mindy; 2 - Gustafson, Austin; 4 - Cruz, Eduardo
Owners: 1 - Highlander Training Center; 5 - TM Thoroughbred Racing, LLC; 7 - Sanders, Colton and Brook, Trevor Richard; 9 - Carl R. Moore Management LLC; 6 -Tracy Hewitt; 3 -Robert Scott Taylor; 2 - Forge Ahead Stables LLC; 4 -James E Stewart;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN was under urging from the start to get forward position, settled on the rail in cover behind the early pace mix, waited for room through the far turn, bid up the rail at the three-sixteenths, lost the path, then altered course to the two-path and surged to the front in the final yards under strong handling. QUALITY STYLE showed the best speed from the break and won the race into the first turn, led the way down the backstretch with several in close attendance to the pace, responded when asked to quicken midway through the far turn, went a length clear in upper stretch, but could not hold off the winner in the final yards despite a good effort. DOWN THE ISLANDS was off a step slow, tried to take back but pulled four-wide through the first turn, advanced close to the leaders down the backstretch, continued to race wide through the far turn, then rallied down the middle of the course to gain the minor award. ROARING RAPIDS raced three wide, pressuring the early pace, made a four-wide bid for the lead at the top of the stretch, but failed to change to the proper lead and faltered. ARIES HONOR got away from the gate a bit awkwardly, then was coaxed early to get up with the leaders, pressed the pace two-wide down the backstretch, launched a bid for the lead approaching the quarter pole, but flattened out some and was outfinished. WITHERING GAZE settled between horses in the back half of the field, raced on the wrong lead through the stretch, and was unable to threaten. RICKIE ROOOO STER took back from the start, saved ground throughout, then was stuck behind horses into the stretch. then lacked a bid once clear. ROYALIST settled near the back, then lacked a rally.