

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - January 31, 2026 - Race 5

Ratings Handicap - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$6,900 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE A RATING NUMBER OF 62 TO 76 AT TIME OF ENTRY. For Each rating step of 5 allowed 1 lbs. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Rail at 30 feet).

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Tiz Gianni - 1:35.55 - February 10, 2015)

Purse: \$34,500

Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$34,500

Value of Race: \$34,500 1st \$20,580, 2nd \$6,860, 3rd \$3,773, 4th \$2,058, 5th \$1,029, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Clear, 45° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 2:50 **Start:** Good for all except 3,4,7 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2Jan26	5	HOU ²	3	Illustrator (Diego, Iram)	124	L	2 2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ²	1 ^{Neck}	2.10* std,strng fin, got nod
13Sep25	5	RP ⁷	1	Whiskey Not Wine (Gonzalez, Elvin)	123	L b	1 3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	12.30 slwd pc,led,missed
2Jan26	2	HOU ⁴	9	Tap the Dot (Asmussen, Erik)	124	L	7 5	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	5 ¹	4 ²	3 ¹	4.00 rail bid,good fnsh 3rd
3Jan26	5	HOU ²	6	Team Leader (Elliott, Stewart)	124	L b	4 1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{3 3/4}	2.40 btw, game mid str, wkn
2Jan26	2	HOU ²	7	Carlea's Dream (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	124	L	5 7	7	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	5 ^{5 1/2}	4.10 lunged, mildly late
19Dec25	2	RP ²	4	Mor Lana Spirit (Parker, Deshawn)	124	L b	3 4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	6 ¹	19.00 awk st,stlk,drop3/8
23Jan26	8	HOU ⁶	8	Jolly Samurai (Hamilton, Weston)	124	L b	6 6	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	7	7	10.10 held up, outfinished

Fractional Times: 24.09 49.66 1:13.98 1:25.88

Final Time: 1:37.77

Split Times: (25:57) (24:32) (11:90) (11:89)

Run-Up: 247 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

Winner: Illustrator, Dark Bay or Brown Horse, by Demarchelier (GB) out of Prehistory, by Palace Malice. Foaled Mar 05, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Troy Rankin

Owner: Ron A. Stolich

Trainer: Ashford, Jr., H.

Scratched Horse(s): Dimatic (Main-Track-Only), Mind Bolt (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$10,675

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Illustrator	6.20	3.40	2.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-3	5.90	373
1	Whiskey Not Wine		12.20	5.40	\$1.00 Exacta	3-1	25.90	6,343
9	Tap the Dot			3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-9	43.10	4,376
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-9-6	19.83	4,156
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-5-3 (3 correct)	23.30	892
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1/8-1/4-5-2/3/5 (4 correct)	22.45	1,872

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Illustrator	2	4 ³	4 ²	3 ²	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Neck}
1	Whiskey Not Wine	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
9	Tap the Dot	5	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 3/4}
6	Team Leader	1	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{3 3/4}
7	Carlea's Dream	7	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}
4	Mor Lana Spirit	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ³	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ¹³
8	Jolly Samurai	6	6 ⁶	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ⁶	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ¹⁴

Trainers: 3 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 1 - Willis, Mindy; 9 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Willis, Mindy; 7 - Jacks, Karen; 4 - Craddock, Kari; 8 - Pish, Danny

Owners: 3 -Ron A. Stolich; 1 -John Rigney; 9 - Asmussen, Steven M. and Asmussenequine.com; 6 - McCaffrey Racing LLC; 7 - Carl R. Moore Management LLC; 4 - Southtana Racing LLC; 8 -Jake Brown;

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ILLUSTRATOR got pinballed between rivals after the break, then settled in mid-pack along the rail, content to track the action up front, tipped out to the three-path for the stretch run, steadily closed the gap on the leader, and got a favorable head bob at the finish. WHISKEY NOT WINE was given a couple of taps with the crop to get to the front, then was left alone to slow down the pace with a pair of rivals in close attendance, responded when asked to quicken on the far turn, briefly dueled with TEAM LEADER into the stretch, put that one away in the final furlong then came up on the short end of the photo at the wire. TAP THE DOT settled mid-pack two-wide through the first half, then got a rail run through the far turn, ran well through the stretch to gain third, but was along much too late to threaten the top two. TEAM LEADER raced between horses with the early leaders, quickened on the turn, and went on with WHISKEY NOT WINE into the stretch, then weakened in the final furlong. CARLEA'S DREAM lunged exiting the gate and was off a length or two slow, raced two-wide at the back through the early stages, bid three-wide into the stretch but was outfinished. MOR LANA SPIRIT broke awkwardly to the inside and made contact with ILLUSTRATOR, stalked the slow early pace three-deep, dropped out on the far turn and was unable to threaten in the stretch. JOLLY SAMURAI was held up at the rear despite the slow pace up front, then was unable to close any ground as the pace quickened in the later stages.