

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 14, 2026 - Race 11

STAKES David E. Hooper S. Black Type - Thoroughbred
FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$500 due at time of entry. Starters to pay an additional \$500. Supplemental nominations in the amount of \$2,000 may be made at time of entry and shall include all fees. The purse which includes \$75,000 from the TTA Event Fund to be distributed: \$1,000 to all starters sixth through last. The remaining balance to be distributed: 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight: 123 lbs.
Non-winners of a Sweepstakes since August 17, 2025 allowed 3 lbs. Two races since August 17, 2025 allowed 5 lbs. A race since August 17, 2025 allowed 7 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming and Starter races not considered in weight allowances). Preference to horses with the highest earnings in 2025 - 2026 at the time of entry. Horses not drawing a starting position in the gate will receive a refund of the entry fee. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. To nominate for this race call or text Greg Thompson at 469-394-6330. (S)

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

Purse: \$86,000 Added

Includes: \$75,000 TTA - TX Thoroughbred Assoc.

Available Money: \$86,000

Value of Race: \$86,000 1st \$49,200, 2nd \$16,400, 3rd \$9,020, 4th \$4,920, 5th \$2,460, 6th \$1,000, 7th \$1,000, 8th \$1,000, 9th \$1,000

Weather: Showery, 74° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:30 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Video Review



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
23Jan26 ⁸ HOU ²	1	Raise the Bar (Elliott, Stewart)	118	L	1	4	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ⁵	4.00	vied ins, going away
23Jan26 ⁸ HOU ⁴	9	Turn North (Parker, Deshawn)	116	L b	9	7	9	7 ¹	5 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	11.60	sustained bid, up 2nd
23Jan26 ⁸ HOU ³	2	Golden Grit (Luzzi, Lane)	116	L b	2	8	6 ²	5 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/4}	4.00	cls ins, kept on well
5Jul25 ⁹ LS ¹	4	Tx Code (Gonzalez, Edwin)	119	L	4	2	1 ^{Head}	6 ²	6 ³	4 ¹	9.90	pace, drop, came back
23Jan26 ⁸ HOU ⁵	3	Too Much Action (Diaz, Rene)	119	L b	3	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	3.60	vied, no mtch, overtaken
23Jan26 ⁸ HOU ¹	8	Victory for Vets (Alvarez, Jose)	120	L b	8	5	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	6 ^{7 1/2}	2.20*	cls 5w, bid 1/4, faltered
2Jan26 ⁷ HOU ²	5	Mikel W (Diego, Iram)	118	L	5	3	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	7 ⁵	7 ^{3 1/4}	12.50	prssd 4w, steadied 7/16
10Jan26 ⁴ HOU ¹	7	Team Gormley (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	120	L	7	6	7 ¹	8 ^{1 1/2}	9	8 ^{3/4}	28.90	no factor
18Jan26 ² HOU ³	6	Mr Jaws (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123	L b	6	9	8 ^{Head}	9	8 ^{Head}	9	38.30	chased, showed little

Fractional Times: 22.03 44.24 1:09.13

Final Time: 1:22.40

Split Times: (22:21) (24:89) (13:27)

Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Raise the Bar, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Maclean's Music out of Paschali, by Bernardini. Foaled Feb 28, 2022 in Texas.

Breeder: Douglas Scharbauer

Owner: Douglas Scharbauer

Trainer: Asmussen, Steven

Total WPS Pool: \$11,199

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Raise the Bar	10.00	6.20	5.00	\$1.00 Exacta	1-9	51.70	6,754
9	Turn North		10.40	8.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-9-2	114.30	3,811
2	Golden Grit			4.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-9-2-4	252.40	4,719
					\$1.00 Pick 3	11-1-ALL (RACES 10-12)	38.90	649
						(3 correct)		
					\$1.00 Pick 3	11-11-1 (3 correct)	218.70	252
					\$3.00 Pick 3	9-11-ALL (ALL TURF PICK #) (3 correct)	54.30	234
					\$0.50 Pick 4	11-11-1-ALL (4 correct)	53.25	908
					\$0.50 Pick 5	9-11-11-1-ALL (4 correct)	168.45	671
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-ALL (RACES 11-12)	3.10	442
					\$1.00 Daily Double	11-1	18.80	265

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Raise the Bar	4	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ⁵
9	Turn North	7	9 ⁴	7 ^{4 1/4}	5 ⁶	2 ⁵
2	Golden Grit	8	6 ¹	5 ^{1 1/4}	3 ⁵	3 ^{5 1/2}
4	Tx Code	2	1 ^{Head}	6 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{6 1/4}	4 ^{6 3/4}
3	Too Much Action	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{7 3/4}
8	Victory for Vets	5	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ⁶	6 ¹¹
5	Mikel W	3	4 ^{Neck}	4 ^{3/4}	7 ^{9 1/4}	7 ^{18 1/2}
7	Team Gormley	6	7 ³	8 ^{5 1/4}	9 ^{14 1/4}	8 ^{21 3/4}
6	Mr Jaws	9	8 ⁴	9 ^{6 3/4}	8 ^{14 1/4}	9 ^{22 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Asmussen, Steven; 9 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 2 - Caldwell, J.; 4 - Calhoun, W.; 3 - Caldwell, J.; 8 - Calhoun, W.; 5 - Padilla, Carlos; 7 - Scholl, Kevin; 6 - Gourneau, Jerry

Owners: 1 -Douglas Scharbauer; 9 -Russell Welch; 2 -Fred Walden; 4 - Mansfield Racing; 3 - Scott, Jeff, Scott, Penny, Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, Ferguson, Danielle and Ferguson, Parker; 8 -James Stodola; 5 - Haverkamp, Lynn and Fleenor, Rodney; 7 - Puryear, Jeffery L and Puryear, Julie; 6 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

RAISE THE BAR moved up after the break to join the leaders at the five-eighths pole, vied inside through the turn, then opened up when roused at the top of the stretch, and widened under steady handling. TURN NORTH settled well off the pace, started to run on approaching the three-furlong pole, came four-wide into the stretch and finished up best of the rest to claim the second prize. GOLDEN GRIT tracked close up behind the leading group, kept on well through the stretch, and just missed second. TX CODE broke on top but was overtaken before going a furlong, lost ground heading into the turn, then found a second wind in the stretch and battled for the minor award. TOO MUCH ACTION contested the early pace two-deep, kicked on approaching the three-furlong pole between rivals, could not go with the winner in the stretch, weakened a bit, then was surrounded and passed by foes in the deep stretch.

VICTORY FOR VETS was close up but five-wide down the backstretch, made a bid for the lead approaching the quarter pole, but failed to sustain into the stretch and faltered. MIKEL W pressed the pace four-wide down the backstretch, lost the path going into the turn, steadied slightly, then struggled to regain momentum. TEAM GORMLEY dropped back after the start and never fired. MR JAWS chased from the back and showed little. This race had a timing discrepancy or malfunction and was re-timed using video technology to arrive at the most accurate times.