

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 15, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO \$6,600 ATB) FOR MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs.
(Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For A Claiming Price Of Less Than \$25,000).
Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 Mile On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Capt. Tiff's Beau - 1:40.52 - October 24, 1998)
Purse: \$33,000
Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account
Available Money: \$33,000
Value of Race: \$33,000 1st \$19,800, 2nd \$6,600, 3rd \$3,630, 4th \$1,980, 5th \$990
Weather: Cloudy, 68° **Track:** Slow
Off at: 1:28 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
24Jan26 ⁷ HOU ⁴	7	Lebombo (Wiseman, Isaiah)	123	L b	4	4	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 3/4}	3.90	trk2w,bid3/8,drft1/8
18Dec25 ⁷ RP ²	8	Globalist (Elliott, Stewart)	123	L b	5	5	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁷	2 ⁷	0.30*	prssd2w,chk1/8,hld2nd
26Sep25 ¹ RP ⁸	2	Follow the Star (Hamilton, Weston)	123	L b	2	2	3 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/4}	13.10	sttld ins, kept on 3rd
2Jan26 ⁶ HOU ⁷	5	Verrazano's Gold (Luzzi, Lane)	123	L b	3	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ⁵	4 ¹⁰	4 ^{25 3/4}	5.20	made lead,gave way 3/8
1Feb26 ⁴ HOU ⁶	1	Hank Ridge (Rivera, Santos)	123	L b	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	20.30	outrun, no factor

Fractional Times: 24.10 48.38 1:13.87 1:39.74 **Final Time:** 1:44.07
Split Times: (24:28) (25:49) (25:87) (4:33)
Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Lebombo, Gray or Roan Gelding, by [Cupid](#) out of Daring Greatly, by Even the Score. Foaled Mar 21, 2021 in Kentucky.

CUPID Winner's sire standing at Atlanta Hall Farm

Breeder: Shady Lane Racing LLC
Owner: Steven M. Asmussen
Trainer: Asmussen, Steven

Scratched Horse(s): Baker Hayfield (Off-Turf), Caribbean Dream (Re-entered), Devilish Do Gooder (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$5,584

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Lebombo	9.80	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-7	14.00	708
8	Globalist		2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	7-8	4.50	2,888
2	Follow the Star			2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-8-2	4.65	2,279

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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7	Lebombo	4	4 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 3/4}
8	Globalist	5	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 3/4}
2	Follow the Star	2	3 ¹	4 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁷	3 ^{8 3/4}
5	Verrazano's Gold	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ²	4 ^{8 1/2}	4 ¹⁰
1	Hank Ridge	1	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/4}	5 ⁷	5 ^{18 1/2}	5 ^{35 3/4}

Trainers: 7 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - Asmussen, Steven; 2 - Eoff, Terry; 5 - Eoff, Terry; 1 - Kotara, Ronald

Owners: 7 -Steven M. Asmussen; 8 -Steven M. Asmussen; 2 -Terry Eoff; 5 - Evans, Johnny B. and Eoff, Terry; 1 -Ronald Kotara;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

LEBOMBO settled two-deep just off the pace, moved up going into the turn, hooked up with GLOBALIST from the three-furlong pole, put that one in a bit tight near the eighth pole, then went on to win clear. GLOBALIST went four-wide into the first bend to press the early pace, assumed the lead midway through the far turn, then was joined by stablemate LEBOMBO to the outside, dueled that one into the stretch, had to check just inside the furlong marker but held second well clear of the next finisher. FOLLOW THE STAR settled inside off the pace for a half, moved up to challenge going into the turn, steadied briefly near the seven-sixteenths marker, could not kick on with the top pair in the stretch, but kept to task to hold third. VERRAZANO'S GOLD was coaxed a bit to get to the front, was joined by GLOBALIST to the outside, gave way near the three-furlong pole, and had little left for the stretch run. HANK RIDGE broke sharply to be close up on the first turn, dropped back to last turning on to the backstretch, steadily lost ground, and was not involved in the late stages.