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**SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 20, 2026 - Race 5**

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$440 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$7,500, allowed 2 lbs. (S) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$7,500

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Bucharest - 1:08.91 - May 11, 1994)

**Purse:** \$11,000

**Includes:** \$7,500 Horse Industry Escrow Account

**Available Money:** \$11,000

**Value of Race:** \$11,000 1st \$6,420, 2nd \$2,140, 3rd \$1,177, 4th \$642, 5th \$321, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

**Weather:** Cloudy, 78° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 8:23 **Start:** Good for all except 2,3,4,8 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Feb26 <sup>4</sup> HOU <sup>2</sup>	2	Major Ortiz (Elliott, Stewart)	123	L b	2	4	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	0.20*	cls.bid3/18,just up
2Sep25 <sup>3</sup> LAD <sup>2</sup>	5	E Z Words (Rivera, Santos)	123	L b	5	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	26.70	dueled,led upr,caught
16Jan26 <sup>5</sup> HOU <sup>3</sup>	7	Drama King (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123	L b	7	5	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	8.10	3-4w,fin well,gain3rd
1Feb26 <sup>4</sup> HOU <sup>4</sup>	3	Gus Cause (Vera, Eliazar)	123	- -	3	8	7 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>3</sup> 1/4	15.40	pnch st,loomd,flatnd
13Nov25 <sup>4</sup> RP <sup>5</sup>	4	Promise Me Money (Parker, Deshawn)	119	L b	4	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup> 3/4	9.30	tight st,led,gave way
1Feb26 <sup>4</sup> HOU <sup>5</sup>	1	Ranger Town (Luzzi, Lane)	119	L b	1	6	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	40.80	ins back,lacked rally
12Nov25 <sup>1</sup> DED <sup>7</sup>	8	Captain Dakota (Singh, Rohan)	123	L	8	7	8	8	8	7 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	34.60	hopped st, dull effort
23Oct25 <sup>4</sup> DED <sup>10</sup>	6	Golden Pursuit (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	123	L bf	6	3	3 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>3</sup>	8	14.20	prssd3w,wknd,stopped

**Fractional Times:** 22.23 46.16 59.71

**Final Time:** 1:12.08

**Split Times:** (23:93) (13:55) (12:37)

**Run-Up:** 33 feet

**Winner:** Major Ortiz, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Midnight Storm out of Texas Belle, by Angliana. Foaled May 10, 2022 in Texas.

**Breeder:** Richard Chandler

**Owner:** Mindy J. Willis

**Trainer:** Willis, Mindy

**Claiming Prices:** 2 - Major Ortiz: \$10,000; 5 - E Z Words: \$10,000; 7 - Drama King: \$10,000; 3 - Gus Cause: \$10,000; 4 - Promise Me Money: \$10,000; 1 - Ranger Town: \$10,000; 8 - Captain Dakota: \$10,000; 6 - Golden Pursuit: \$10,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$15,655

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Major Ortiz	2.40	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-5	47.20	6,874
5	E Z Words		9.80	6.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-5-7	43.95	5,693
7	Drama King			2.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-5-7-3	20.07	4,134
					\$1.00 Pick 3	7-1-2 (3 correct)	15.50	515
					\$0.50 Pick 4	5-7-1/6-2 (4 correct)	38.00	1,173
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-2	4.40	281

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Major Ortiz	4	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>
5	E Z Words	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>
7	Drama King	5	5 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup> 1/2
3	Gus Cause	8	7 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>9</sup> 1/4
4	Promise Me Money	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>12</sup> 1/2
1	Ranger Town	6	6 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>6</sup> 1/4	6 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>16</sup> 1/4
8	Captain Dakota	7	8 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>9</sup> 1/4	8 <sup>14</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>20</sup> 1/4
6	Golden Pursuit	3	3 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup> 3/4	7 <sup>11</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>22</sup>

**Trainers:** 2 - Willis, Mindy; 5 - Govea, Cesar; 7 - Eoff, Terry; 3 - Fuentes, Sergio; 4 - Gelner, Jayde; 1 - Gourneau, Jerry; 8 - Saucedo, Jesse; 6 - Knudsen, Kent

**Owners:** 2 -Mindy J. Willis; 5 - L and G Racing Stables; 7 - Evans, Johnny B. and Eoff, Terry; 3 -Maria A. Silva; 4 -Anthony J. Foyt, Jr.; 1 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.; 8 -Martin G. Saucedo; 6 - The Good, Bad and Nauti Racing Stables, LLC;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

MAJOR ORTIZ broke out at the start and into the path of GUS CAUSE, was sent along after the break to engage for the lead, settled off the pace into the turn, was under a drive from the three-furlong poee, came three-wide into the stretch, was a little erratic, then straightened out, rallied, and wore down E Z WORDS in the final yards. E Z WORDS dueled outside of a rival from the start, gained a slight lead in upper stretch but could not hold off the winner. DRAMA KING raced three to four wide mid-pack, finished well to gain third, while never a serios threat to the top two. GUS CAUSE got pinched back at the start when MAJOR ORTIZ took the path out of the gate, raced at the back early, then advanced through the turn while under a ride, loomed in upper stretch but flattened out. PROMISE ME MONEY was in a bit tight at the start but emerged from the chaos in front, led the field into the turn, tried to fight back when challenged by E Z WORDS at the quarter pole, then gave way in the final furlong. RANGER TOWN raced near the back of the pack on the inside, and lacked a rally. CAPTAIN DAKOTA hopped at the start, then was outpaced early and at the back of the field heading into the turn, then had nothing to offer late. GOLDEN PURSUIT pressed the pace three-wide into the turn, then weakened, dropped through the field, and stopped in the stretch. THE JOCKEY ON #3 E Z WORDS LODGED A CLAIM OF FOUL AGAINST #2 MAJOR ORTIZ, ALLEGING INTERFERENCE AT THE START. AFTER A REVIEW, THE OBJECTION WAS DISALLOWED.