

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 20, 2026 - Race 9

Ratings Handicap - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$7,300 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE A RATING NUMBER OF 67 TO 84 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:** (Hunt Master - 1:35.35 - February 6, 2026)

Purse: \$36,500

Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$36,500

Value of Race: \$36,500 1st \$21,720, 2nd \$7,240, 3rd \$3,982, 4th \$2,172, 5th \$1,086, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 78° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 10:09 **Start:** Good for all **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
31Jan26 ⁵ HOU ²	5	Whiskey Not Wine (Gonzalez, Elvin)	123 L b	5	6	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	9.20	trk,gd fnsh,drw clear
31Jan26 ⁵ HOU ¹	8	Illustrator (Diego, Iram)	123 L	8	7	8	8	8	6 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3/4}	2.30*	far back,rally,gain2nd
24Jan26 ¹² HOU ⁶	4	Malibu Mambo (Hamilton, Weston)	122 L	4	3	3 ¹	4 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	7.50	3w,close,good finish
31Jan26 ⁵ HOU ³	6	Tap the Dot (Elliott, Stewart)	123 L	6	5	7 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	5 ¹	4 ^{4 1/4}	4.00	took back,mild rally
31Jan26 ⁵ HOU ⁵	3	Carlea's Dream (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	123 L	3	1	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	5 ^{3/4}	12.30	prssd2d,bid,outfnshd
6Feb26 ² HOU ⁶	1	Big Bernie (Guerra, Rodolfo)	124 L bf	1	2	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ¹	4 ¹	6 ^{Head}	7.60	solid splts,outfnshd
16Jan26 ⁷ HOU ¹	2	Brucelea (Alvarez, Jose)	122 L	2	8	6 ¹	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	7 ¹	7 ²	6.40	sttld bk, no rally
6Feb26 ² HOU ²	7	Escaping the Blues (Diaz, Rene)	124 L b	7	4	5 ^{Head}	7 ³	6 ^{1/2}	8	8	4.50	3w,sttld bk, no rally

Fractional Times: 22.97 46.81 1:10.70 1:23.41

Final Time: 1:36.64

Split Times: (23:84) (23:89) (12:71) (13:23)

Run-Up: 242 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

Winner: Whiskey Not Wine, Bay Gelding, by Noble Mission (GB) out of Enchanted Fortune, by Indian Charlie. Foaled Apr 15, 2018 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Jacalyn M. Tillman LLC

Owner: John Rigney

Trainer: Willis, Mindy

Scratched Horse(s): Team Leader (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$10,731

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
5	Whiskey Not Wine	20.40	7.80	4.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	734.60	609	
8	Illustrator		4.80	3.20	\$1.00 Exacta	5-8	44.90	4,160	
4	Malibu Mambo			4.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-8-4	178.55	3,447	
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-8-4-6	145.98	2,818	
					\$1.00 Pick 3	11-4-5 (3 correct)	499.40	1,307	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1/2/3-8/10/11-4-5 (4 correct)	155.25	1,593	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-1/2/3-8/10/11-4-5 (5 correct)	141.75	2,122	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-1/2/3-8/10/11-4-5 (4 correct)	2.30	0	
					\$0.20 Super High Five Jackpot	5-8-4-6-3		736	764

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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5	Whiskey Not Wine	6	4 ³	3 ²	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ¹
8	Illustrator	7	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{8 3/4}	8 ^{6 1/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	2 ¹
4	Malibu Mambo	3	3 ²	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/4}	3 ¹	3 ^{1 3/4}
6	Tap the Dot	5	7 ⁵	5 ⁵	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²
3	Carlea's Dream	1	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	5 ^{6 1/4}
1	Big Bernie	2	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁷
2	Brucelea	8	6 ⁴	6 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/4}	7 ⁵	7 ⁷
7	Escaping the Blues	4	5 ⁴	7 ^{5 3/4}	6 ^{5 3/4}	8 ⁶	8 ⁹

Trainers: 5 - Willis, Mindy; 8 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 4 - Hinckson, Martin; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 3 - Jacks, Karen; 1 - Castellanos, Jaime; 2 - Jacks, Karen; 7 - Bravo, Francisco

Owners: 5 -John Rigney; 8 -Ron A. Stolich; 4 -Bruno Schickedanz; 6 - Asmussen, Steven M. and Asmussenequine.com; 3 - Carl R. Moore Management, LLC; 1 -Martiniano Martinez; 2 -Karen E. Jacks; 7 -Pam K. Grossman;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

WHISKEY NOT WINE steadied in traffic going into the first turn, took a position just behind the pace while fighting the rider a bid, was bottled up on the far turn while seemingly full of run, tipped out to the three path for the stretch run, responded to steady handling and urging, and drew clear in the late stages. ILLUSTRATOR was void of speed and far back through the ifirt half, started to run on midway through the turn and surged late to gain the place. MALIBU MAMBO raced three wide on the first turn, was always close up to the frontrunners, finished with good interest but could not close the gap on the winner in the final yards. TAP THE DOT took back after the start, advanced three-wide down the backstretch to get up with the leading group on the far turn, tipped out to the middle of the course in upper stretch, and ran on but could not find the winning kick. CARLEA'S DREAM got away well, pressed the early pace in the two-path, took over the lead midway on the far turn, then got first run into the stretch but could not last. BIG BERNIE was sent hard from the break, won the race into the first turn, set the early fractions under mild pressure from CARLEA'S DREAM, yielded to that one in upper stretch and was outfinished. BRUCELEA was off poorly, settled near the back inside, and failed to rally. EXCAPING THE BLUES went three-wide through the first turn, settled near the back, then was unable to produce a rally in the stretch.

Track Attendance: 0
Off Track Wagering

Handle: \$87,140
Handle: \$114,579

