

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 21, 2026 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$4,500 ATB) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000. Texas Bred Claiming Price \$35,000. (Rail at 30 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$30,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Gaelico - 1:42.05 - February 21, 2015)

Purse: \$22,500

Includes: \$20,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$22,500

Value of Race: \$22,500 1st \$13,320, 2nd \$4,440, 3rd \$2,442, 4th \$1,332, 5th \$666, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 76° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:17 **Start:** Good for all except 2,6 **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
11Jan26 ⁵ HOU ²	8	County Slugger (Luzzi, Lane)	123 L b	8 5	7 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	1 ^{Neck}	8.40	sttld bk, strng bid, hld
30Jan26 ⁸ HOU ⁶	1	Kause I'm Devine (Diego, Iram)	123 L	1 7	5 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{3 3/4}	20.60	sttld, late bid, missed
14Feb26 ⁹ HOU ⁶	7	Cafezinho (Gonzalez, Elvin)	123 L	7 4	4 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	1.60*	3w, bid 1/4, overtaken
4Jan26 ⁵ FG ²	6	True Blue Sky (Parker, Deshawn)	123 L	6 6	6 ¹	6 ¹	7 ¹	6 ¹	6 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	3.60	sttld, mild late gain
31Jan26 ⁸ HOU ¹	4	Colormecairo (Elliott, Stewart)	123 L b	4 3	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{Neck}	5 ^{Neck}	4.10	trk2w, led 1/4, yielded
3Jan26 ² HOU ²	5	Paintbrush (Guerra, Rodolfo)	123 L	5 8	8	8	8	8	8	6 ¹	9.60	sttld bk, mld late gain
30Jan26 ⁷ HOU ⁷	3	Fayette Blue (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123 L f	3 2	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	7 ^{2 1/2}	13.60	in cover, outkicked
24Jan26 ⁶ HOU ⁷	2	San Mateo Kat (Pena, Braylan)	123 L h	2 1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	7 ¹	7 ¹	8	7.20	hop, rush, pace, gv wy 1/4

Fractional Times: 23.70 48.97 1:13.21 1:38.38

Final Time: 1:44.74

Split Times: (25:27) (24:24) (25:17) (6:36)

Run-Up: 55 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

Winner: County Slugger, Gray or Roan Mare, by Escaper out of Fccountryday, by Air Commander. Foaled Feb 01, 2021 in Texas.

Breeder: Richard Chandler

Owner: Mindy J. Willis

Trainer: Willis, Mindy

Claiming Prices: 8 - County Slugger: \$35,000; 1 - Kause I'm Devine: \$35,000; 7 - Cafezinho: \$35,000; 6 - True Blue Sky: \$30,000; 4 - Colormecairo: \$30,000; 5 - Paintbrush: \$30,000; 3 - Fayette Blue: \$30,000; 2 - San Mateo Kat: \$30,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$9,856

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	County Slugger	18.80	9.40	4.60	\$1.00 Exacta	8-1	119.90	4,871
1	Kause I'm Devine		20.60	5.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-1-7	230.95	3,660
7	Cafezinho			2.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-1-7-6	453.07	2,423
					\$1.00 Pick 3	5-3-8 (3 correct)	129.00	589
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-8	23.40	393

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
8	County Slugger	5	7 ⁷	5 ³	5 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
1	Kause I'm Devine	7	5 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	2 ^{Neck}
7	Cafezinho	4	4 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ⁴
6	True Blue Sky	6	6 ⁶	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁴
4	Colormecairo	3	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{5 1/2}
5	Paintbrush	8	8 ⁸	8 ^{4 1/2}	8 ^{3 1/4}	8 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{5 3/4}
3	Fayette Blue	2	3 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	5 ^{1 1/4}	7 ^{6 3/4}
2	San Mateo Kat	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	7 ^{2 1/2}	8 ^{9 1/4}

Trainers: 8 - Willis, Mindy; 1 - Knox, Mary; 7 - Willis, Mindy; 6 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 5 - Garza, Joaquin; 3 - Castellanos, Jaime; 2 - Davidson, Sarah

Owners: 8 -Mindy J. Willis; 1 -Mary Knox; 7 -Mindy J. Willis; 6 -Erin Gaarz; 4 - Swinbank Stables LLC; 5 -Terry Topham; 3 -Jaime Castellanos; 2 -Sarah Nicole Davidson;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

COUNTY SLUGGER was not asked for speed after the break, went three-wide on the clubhouse turn racing near the back, advanced down the backstretch to be in mid-field heading into the turn, responded when set down approaching the quarter pole, had a little trouble with the lead change at the top of the stretch, got straight and produced a strong rally, took over the lead a furlong out and held off a determined rival in the final yards. KAUSE I'M DEVINE settled inside in mid-pack along through the early running, gradually advanced on the far turn, then found best stride in deep stretch, chased COUNTY SLUGGER to the finish line, and just missed. CAFEZINHO tracked three-wide to the far turn, launched a bid for the lead approaching the quarter pole, briefly got a head in front before the eighth pole, but was overtaken by the top two in the final furlong. TRUE BLUE SKY steadied slightly after the start, then allowed to settle, raced in the back half of the compact field in cover without a way out, finally got clear in the stretch and produced a mild late gain. COLORMECAIRO tracked just behind the pacesetter to the far turn, took over the lead late on the far turn but was immediately under pressure, yielded the lead with a furlong to go, and was outkicked to the wire. PAINTBRUSH brought up the rear through the first half, made a mild bid three-wide on the last turn, was mildly gaining, not doing enough to threaten late. FAYETTE BLUE away well, was forwardly placed early, raced in cover without a clear path from the half to the stretch, then was unable to quicken in the final furlong once clear. SAN MATEO KAT hopped at the star but was hustled away and was first into the clubhouse turn, led the way into the far turn, started to weaken near the quarter pole, and tired in the stretch.