

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 21, 2026 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 (PLUS UP TO \$1,380 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, AND STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since November 21, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000. (SNW1 X) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Capt. Tiff's Beau - 1:40.52 - October 24, 1998)

Purse: \$34,500

Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$34,500

Value of Race: \$34,500 1st \$20,520, 2nd \$6,840, 3rd \$3,762, 4th \$2,052, 5th \$1,026, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 76° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:11 **Start:** Good for all except 1,2,3 **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Feb26 ³ HOU ¹	7	Bergheim (Parker, Deshawn)	123 L b	7	4	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/4}	1.90*	won 3-way str battle
22Nov25 ⁸ RP ⁶	2	Chasing Coyotes (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	121 L	2	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2.70	trk,vie,game str,missd
23Jan26 ⁴ HOU ³	4	Binary Code (Diego, Iram)	121 L b	4	2	1 ³	1 ²	1 ^{Head}	3 ⁵	3 ^{5 1/4}	3.90	slwd pc,vied,grdgingly
31Jan26 ⁴ HOU ⁴	8	Heats Hero (Hamilton, Weston)	123 L b	8	3	6 ^{Head}	8	7 ¹	6 ²	4 ^{2 1/4}	11.10	4-5w,best of rest
31Jan26 ⁴ HOU ²	1	Fly Red Bird Fly (Rivera, Santos)	123 L b	1	8	8	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	7.80	hop,stltd,mvd up,tired
7Feb26 ³ HOU ⁴	5	Painted Lad (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	121 L b	5	6	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7.90	3w btwn,no late kick
31Jan26 ⁴ HOU ³	6	Pollito Tito (Elliott, Stewart)	121 L	6	1	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	8	7 ¹	13.50	trk3w,wknd3/8,empty
7Feb26 ³ HOU ⁷	3	Slim Jimmy (Pena, Brayan)	123 L b	3	7	5 ¹	6 ^{Head}	8	7 ²	8	23.80	settled, outfinished

Fractional Times: 23.43 48.49 1:13.58 1:38.95 **Final Time:** 1:43.29

Split Times: (25:06) (25:09) (25:37) (4:34)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Bergheim, Chestnut Gelding, by Union Jackson out of Cool Ten Grand, by Malibu Moon. Foaled Feb 10, 2022 in Texas.

Breeder: Watershed Bloodstock LLC

Owner: De Luca and Sons Stable

Trainer: Gelnor, Jayde

1 Claimed Horse(s): Bergheim New Trainer: Jerry Gourneau New Owner: Henry S. Witt, Jr.

Claiming Prices: 7 - Bergheim: \$10,000; 5 - Painted Lad: \$10,000; 3 - Slim Jimmy: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$11,043

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Bergheim	5.80	3.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	10.00	4,624
2	Chasing Coyotes		3.60	3.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-2-4	20.70	3,831
4	Binary Code			3.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-2-4-8	15.00	3,062
					\$1.00 Pick 3	8-2-7 (3 correct)	55.10	440
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-7	10.60	445

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Bergheim	4	4 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}	3 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/4}
2	Chasing Coyotes	5	2 ³	2 ²	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/4}
4	Binary Code	2	1 ³	1 ²	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ^{2 1/4}
8	Heats Hero	3	6 ⁶	8 ⁴	7 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{7 3/4}	4 ^{7 1/2}
1	Fly Red Bird Fly	8	8 ^{6 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}	4 ⁶	5 ^{9 3/4}
5	Painted Lad	6	7 ⁶	7 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{10 3/4}
6	Pollito Tito	1	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/4}	8 ^{11 3/4}	7 ^{11 1/4}
3	Slim Jimmy	7	5 ⁵	6 ^{3 3/4}	8 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{9 3/4}	8 ^{12 1/4}

Trainers: 7 - Gelnor, Jayde; 2 - Cappellucci, Dick; 4 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 8 - Pish, Danny; 1 - Rivera, Jose; 5 - Coats, Jr., James; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 3 - Govea, Cesar

Owners: 7 - De Luca and Sons Stable; 2 -Glen Robertson; 4 -Richard B. Benton; 8 - Gee Family Racing LLC; 1 -Jose Juan Rivera; 5 -James Turner Coats, Jr.; 6 -Tyree J. Wolesensky; 3 - L and G Racing Stables;

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BERGHEIM settled five-wide down the backstretch, then moved up to join the leaders late on the backstretch, vied four-wide through the last turn, was the outside horse of a trio contesting the final result through the stretch, then edged ahead inside the furlong grounds to prevail. CHASING COYOTES got bumped by the outside rival at the start, still managed forward position and settled in behind BINARY CODE, went after that one after passing the half-mile pole, then was joined by another rival to the outside, vied between horses through the stretch run, battled gamely but came up short in the final yards. BINARY CODE broke well and went clear on the first turn, was left alone on the lead to dictate terms, slowed the pace for the first half, got some pressure from a pair of rivals passing the half-mile mark, quickened the pace approaching the three-furlong pole, then gave way grudgingly late. HEATS HERO was four to five wide on both turns, tracked near the back of the field early, moved up on the far turn, then outfinished the rest of the field but was far behind the top three. FLY RED BIRD FLY hopped in the air at the start, then settled along the rail near the back despite the slow pace, moved up to join the forward group down the backstretch, came into the stretch racing on the left lead and faltered. PAINTED LAD was not asked for speed from the break, went three-wide through the first turn, raced between horses, became boxed in heading into the turn, but could not kick on with the rest in the stretch, and was not involved late. POLLITO TITO raced three-wide and close up to the far turn, then could not kick on when the pace picked up mid-way through the turn, dropped back through the field and had nothing left for the stretch. SLIM JIMMY bumped with CHASING COYOTES at the break, got caught four-wide into the clubhouse turn, raced at the back of the compact field to the half, saved ground throughout, but struggled to keep up as the pace quickened in the second half of the race.

