

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 27, 2026 - Race 1

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

Purse: \$11,000

Available Money: \$11,000

Value of Race: \$11,000 1st \$6,540, 2nd \$2,180, 3rd \$1,199, 4th \$654, 5th \$327, 6th \$100

Weather: Clear, 81° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 6:31 **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
8Feb26 ⁶ HOU ⁷	1	Running Point (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	120	L b	1	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ³	1 ⁵	1 ⁷	1 ⁶	1.20*	big lead,geared down
13Feb26 ⁸ HOU ⁵	2	Cruzin for Gurls (Hamilton, Weston)	123	L f	2	6	4 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ⁶	2 ¹²	2 ²⁴	1.60	lag,adv,chsd wnnr home
4Jan26 ⁴ HOU ⁷	5	Heckamighty (Benavides, Daniel)	123	L bf	5	4	5 ^{1 1/2}	6	5 ⁴	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	6.00	rank early,kept on 3rd
13Feb26 ⁸ HOU ⁸	6	Texas Bandit (Rivera, Santos)	120	L b	6	5	6	5 ²	3 ²	3 ³	4 ^{8 3/4}	11.10	off pace, no threat
15Feb26 ² HOU ⁵	4	Hank Ridge (Huaman, Luis)	123	L b	4	2	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹⁴	5 ^{26 3/4}	20.90	3-4w, no rally
13Feb26 ⁸ HOU ⁷	3	Witt's R P M (Fuentes, Mario)	119	L bh	3	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	6	6	6	6.90	chsd,eased,wlkd off

Fractional Times: 24.09 48.56 1:13.97 1:40.14 **Final Time:** 1:44.80

Split Times: (24:47) (25:41) (26:17) (4:66)

Run-Up: 41 feet

Winner: Running Point, Bay Gelding, by [By My Standards](#) out of Running Dispute, by Cherokee Run. Foaled Apr 05, 2023 in Texas.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Ronald James Podraza Sr.

Owner: Ronald J. Podraza

Trainer: Ashford, Jr., H.

Claiming Prices: 1 - Running Point: \$10,000; 2 - Cruzin for Gurls: \$10,000; 5 - Heckamighty: \$10,000; 6 - Texas Bandit: \$10,000; 4 - Hank Ridge: \$10,000; 3 - Witt's R P M: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$6,025

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Running Point	4.40	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-2	3.20	3,046
2	Cruzin for Gurls		2.40	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-2-5	2.70	2,238
5	Heckamighty			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-2-5-6	2.36	1,725

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Running Point	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ³	1 ⁵	1 ⁷	1 ⁶
2	Cruzin for Gurls	6	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ³	2 ⁵	2 ⁷	2 ⁶
5	Heckamighty	4	5 ⁴	6 ⁸	5 ^{14 1/2}	4 ²²	3 ³⁰
6	Texas Bandit	5	6 ^{5 1/2}	5 ⁶	3 ¹¹	3 ¹⁹	4 ³¹
4	Hank Ridge	2	3 ¹	4 ⁴	4 ¹³	5 ^{24 1/2}	5 ^{39 3/4}
3	Witt's R P M	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³	6 ^{18 1/2}	6 ^{38 1/2}	6 ^{66 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 2 - Baldillez Jr., Alejandro; 5 - Rodriguez, Adan; 6 - Rodriguez, Adan; 4 - Kotara, Ronald; 3 - Davidson, Sarah

Owners: 1 -Ronald J. Podraza; 2 - HDT Allied Management, LLC; 5 -Adan Sebastian Rodriguez; 6 -Pedro B. Rodriguez; 4 -Ronald Kotara; 3 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

RUNNING POINT roused from the break to get forward position, made the lead into the first turn, then widened the margin after passing the half, was first into the stretch with some distance back to the next horse, and held sway through the stretch to win clear while being taken in hand in the final yards. CRUZIN FOR GURLS lacked any early speed and was last into the first turn, stayed to the inside and steadily advanced to the half, was the only entrant to go after RUNNING POINT into the last turn, and kept up a futile chase through the lane while finishing a mile clear of the next horse. HECKAMIGHTY was four-wide and fighting the rider into the first turn, settled down on the backstretch run, was kept to task through the stretch and managed to win the battle for the minor award. TEXAS BANDIT raced well off the pace, was under steady urging early on the far turn, but faltered in the late stages and was caught late and missed hitting the board. HANK RIDGE raced three to four wide through the early stages, then lacked any semblance of a late bid. WITT'S R P M chased in second position to the half-mile pole, then stopped on the turn and was galloped out to the finish and walked off.