

**SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - February 28, 2026 - Race 8**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$520 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE NOVEMBER 28, 2025 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race Since August 28, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000. (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

**Distance:** Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Brass Jacks - 1:15.77 - May 21, 1994)

**Purse:** \$13,000

**Includes:** \$10,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

**Available Money:** \$13,000

**Value of Race:** \$13,000 1st \$7,680, 2nd \$2,560, 3rd \$1,408, 4th \$768, 5th \$384, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

**Weather:** Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:15 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced                            | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey)                       | Wgt | M/E  | PP | Start | 1/4                | 1/2               | Str               | Fin                 | Odds  | Comments               |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|------|----|-------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 7Feb26 <sup>3</sup> HOU <sup>3</sup>  | 4   | Vietnam Victory (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto) | 121 | L b  | 3  | 6     | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>5</sup>    | 4 <sup>Head</sup> | 1 <sup>Nose</sup>   | 5.80  | stretch duel,got nod   |
| 18Feb26 <sup>4</sup> DED <sup>1</sup> | 2   | Chief Brady (Parker, Deshawn)             | 123 | L    | 2  | 5     | 4 <sup>1</sup> 2   | 3 <sup>1</sup> 2  | 1 <sup>Head</sup> | 2 <sup>2</sup>      | 0.90* | stumbld st,lost photo  |
| 7Feb26 <sup>3</sup> HOU <sup>2</sup>  | 9   | Fort Hood (Elliott, Stewart)              | 123 | L bf | 7  | 2     | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>1</sup>    | 3 <sup>Head</sup> | 3 <sup>1</sup> 2    | 3.10  | dueled,kept on well    |
| 1Feb26 <sup>6</sup> HOU <sup>3</sup>  | 1   | Sunday Bling (Diaz, Rene)                 | 121 | L b  | 1  | 3     | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>1</sup>    | 5 <sup>7</sup>    | 4 <sup>Nose</sup>   | 9.00  | vied ins,bxd from 7/16 |
| 6Feb26 <sup>4</sup> HOU <sup>3</sup>  | 8   | Algebra (Wethey Jr., Floyd)               | 123 | L b  | 6  | 1     | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 1 <sup>Head</sup> | 2 <sup>1</sup>    | 5 <sup>12</sup> 1/4 | 7.80  | duel ins,led,wknd late |
| 21Feb26 <sup>4</sup> HOU <sup>6</sup> | 7   | Ripster (Fuentes, Mario)                  | 121 | L    | 5  | 4     | 6 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>1</sup>    | 6 <sup>1</sup> 2  | 6 <sup>3</sup> 4    | 25.80 | no threat              |
| 21Feb26 <sup>8</sup> HOU <sup>3</sup> | 5   | Slim Jimmy (Pena, Brayan)                 | 121 | L b  | 4  | 7     | 7                  | 7                 | 7                 | 7                   | 16.30 | outrun, no factor      |

**Fractional Times:** 22.66 45.51 1:10.75

**Final Time:** 1:17.62

**Split Times:** (22:85) (25:24) (6:87)

**Run-Up:** 51 feet

**Winner:** Vietnam Victory, Bay Gelding, by Klimt out of Real Strike, by Smart Strike. Foaled Feb 15, 2020 in Texas.

**Breeder:** CJ Thoroughbreds

**Owner:** Gokmen Kaya

**Trainer:** Torrez, Jerenesto

**1 Claimed Horse(s):** Chief Brady

New Trainer: J. R. Caldwell

New Owner: Millers Moxie LLC

**Claiming Prices:** 4 - Vietnam Victory: \$10,000; 2 - Chief Brady: \$10,000; 9 - Fort Hood: \$10,000; 1 - Sunday Bling: \$10,000; 8 - Algebra: \$10,000; 7 - Ripster: \$10,000; 5 - Slim Jimmy: \$10,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Ghost Cowboy (Stewards), Rockets Red Flair (Veterinarian)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$8,672

| Pgm | Horse           | Win   | Place | Show | Wager Type          | Winning Numbers   | Payoff | Pool  |
|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 4   | Vietnam Victory | 13.60 | 4.00  | 3.00 | \$1.00 Exacta       | 4-2               | 11.90  | 3,478 |
| 2   | Chief Brady     |       | 2.60  | 2.20 | \$0.50 Trifecta     | 4-2-9             | 15.10  | 3,554 |
| 9   | Fort Hood       |       |       | 2.60 | \$0.10 Superfecta   | 4-2-9-1           | 8.72   | 3,041 |
|     |                 |       |       |      | \$1.00 Pick 3       | 7-4-4 (3 correct) | 72.20  | 246   |
|     |                 |       |       |      | \$1.00 Daily Double | 4-4               | 8.90   | 322   |

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

| Pgm | Horse Name      | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | Str                | Fin                 |
|-----|-----------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 4   | Vietnam Victory | 6     | 5 <sup>3</sup>     | 5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/4 | 1 <sup>Nose</sup>   |
| 2   | Chief Brady     | 5     | 4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>Nose</sup>   |
| 9   | Fort Hood       | 2     | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 3 <sup>2</sup>      |
| 1   | Sunday Bling    | 3     | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/4 | 4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2  |
| 8   | Algebra         | 1     | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2  |
| 7   | Ripster         | 4     | 6 <sup>4</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>7</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>8</sup> 1/4 | 6 <sup>14</sup> 3/4 |
| 5   | Slim Jimmy      | 7     | 7 <sup>7</sup>     | 7 <sup>8</sup> 1/2 | 7 <sup>8</sup> 3/4 | 7 <sup>15</sup> 1/2 |

**Trainers:** 4 - Torrez, Jerenesto; 2 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 9 - Davidson, M.; 1 - Caldwell, J.; 8 - Hodgson, Barry; 7 - George, Wayne; 5 - Govea, Cesar

**Owners:** 4 -Gokmen Kaya; 2 -Erin Gaarz; 9 -Stephen R. Baker; 1 -J. R. Caldwell; 8 -Barry Hodgson; 7 -Patricia L. George; 5 - L and G Racing Stables;

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

VIETNAM VICTORY was unable to contest the early pace, settled off the pace through the early stages, moved up three-wide through the turn, then came four-wide into the stretch, chased CHIEF BRADY through the final furlong, and got a favorable bob of the head at the wire to prevail. CHIEF BRADY stumbled at the start, then moved up to race just behind the early pace, made a forward move three-wide through the turn, pulled even with the leaders in upper stretch, got a head in front late, then came up on the short end of the photo. FORT HOOD had good speed from the break and dueled with the inside rival through the early stages, kept on well to outfinish that rival but was overtaken in the final yards. SUNDAY BLING broke well and vied for the lead from the rail, got boxed in through the turn and into deep stretch, got clear too late. ALGEBRA came away well and dueled inside of FORT HOOD to the stretch, had a narrow advantage passing the three-sixteenths marker but weakened a bit in the final furlong. RIPSTER dropped back after a level start, fell far behind, and never threatened. SLIM JIMMY broke behind the field was always outrun.