

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - March 13, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$6,600 ATB) FOR MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs.

(Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For A Claiming Price Of Less Than \$25,000). (Rail at 18 feet).

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Hunt Master - 1:35.35 - February 6, 2026)

Purse: \$33,000

Includes: \$30,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$33,000

Value of Race: \$33,000 1st \$19,740, 2nd \$6,580, 3rd \$3,619, 4th \$1,974, 5th \$987, 6th \$100

Weather: Clear, 74° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:57 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
19Jan26 ⁶ FG ⁸	6	Sweet Retreat (Elliott, Stewart)	119 L	5	6	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ³	1.90*	sttld ins,kicked clear
6Feb26 ⁵ HOU ³	8	Renton (Diego, Iram)	119 L	6	5	6	6	4 ^{Head}	6	2 ^{Nose}	2.60	sttld bk,3-5w,rally2nd
13Feb26 ² HOU ³	3	Shanghai Cupid (Luzzi, Lane)	119 L	3	3	5 ²	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	4.40	sttld bk,rallied 3rd
15Feb26 ² HOU ³	2	Follow the Star (Hamilton, Weston)	123 L b	2	1	2 ³	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	4 ^{Neck}	6.30	trkd pace,outkick late
28Feb26 ³ HOU ³	1	Zorritos Dash (Fuentes, Mario)	119 L	1	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	5 ²	5.30	set pace, outfinished
27Feb26 ⁴ HOU ⁷	5	Ballistic Bob (Gonzalez, Elvin)	119 L v	4	4	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	6	4 ¹	6	6.10	sttld mid-pk, no rally

Fractional Times: 22.71 47.44 1:12.58 1:25.37

Final Time: 1:37.76

Split Times: (24:73) (25:14) (12:79) (12:39)

Run-Up: 179 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Sweet Retreat, Chestnut Gelding, by [Candy Ride \(ARG\)](#) out of Rehearsed, by Tapit. Foaled Feb 24, 2023 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: W. S. Farish

Owner: Lane's End, LLC

Trainer: Asmussen, Steven

Scratched Horse(s): Oban (Main-Track-Only), Verrazano's Gold (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$4,108

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Sweet Retreat	5.80	4.20	2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-6	7.60	500
8	Renton		4.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	6-8	6.50	2,021
3	Shanghai Cupid			2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-8-3	5.80	1,574
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-8-3-2	3.28	1,215
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	6-7	6.80	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Sweet Retreat	6	4 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁵	3 ³	1 ^{Head}	1 ³
8	Renton	5	6 ⁸	6 ⁶ 1/2	4 ³	6 ² 1/4	2 ³
3	Shanghai Cupid	3	5 ⁶	4 ⁴ 1/2	5 ³ 1/4	5 ² 1/4	3 ³
2	Follow the Star	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{Head}	4 ³ 1/2
1	Zorritos Dash	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	5 ³ 3/4
5	Ballistic Bob	4	3 ³ 1/2	3 ³	6 ³ 1/4	4 ¹ 1/4	6 ⁵ 3/4

Trainers: 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - Asmussen, Steven; 3 - Pish, Danny; 2 - Eoff, Terry; 1 - Herreros, Stephanie; 5 - Willis, Mindy

Owners: 6 - Lane's End, LLC; 8 - Bloom Racing Stable, LLC (Jeffrey Bloom); 3 - Cecil Peters; 2 - Terry Eoff; 1 - Herreros Racing; 5 - Naukabena Farms LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SWEET RETREAT settled along the rail in the middle of the strung-out field for the first half, navigated through the far turn to bid four-wide at the top of the stretch, and outkicked the rest to win clear in the end. RENTON was kept to the back and got over to the rail, angled out to the three-path on the far turn, then swung five-wide into the stretch, rallied mildly to get the place but could not threaten the winner. SHANGHAI CUPID settled in the back half of the field early, had a lot of ground to make up turning for home, but found best stride in the late stages and moved up to gain third. FOLLOW THE STAR tracked ZORRITOS DASH in second position from the outset, gave a good try in the stretch, finished willingly, but was outkicked. ZORRITOS DASH made the early lead as the field lined up single-file behind, kept the rest at bay through the far turn, came into the stretch with a narrow advantage, had something left when called upon in the stretch, but was outfinished. BALLISTIC BOB settled in the middle of the pack then could not find the needed late kick in the stretch.