

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - March 13, 2026 - Race 4

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$440 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES 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: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Brass Jacks - 1:15.77 - May 21, 1994)

Purse: \$11,000

Includes: \$9,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

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, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 7:52 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Feb26 ⁷ HOU ⁵	5	Short Speech (Luzzi, Lane)	119	L	4	5	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	2.90	trk4w,wore down rival
18Jan26 ⁸ HOU ⁹	6	Vancouver Valor (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	120	L b	5	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1.70*	pace,game str, yielded
27Feb26 ² HOU ⁸	1	Witt's Dubai Gal (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	119	L h	1	1	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ^{4 1/2}	6.80	cls,study1/4,fnshd well
22Feb26 ⁵ HOU ⁴	2	Glory All the Time (Hamilton, Weston)	119	L	2	6	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ⁵	4 ^{9 3/4}	2.30	close,outkickd stretch
14Feb26 ² HOU ⁵	4	Holiday Cruise (Huaman, Luis)	123	b	3	4	6	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{10 3/4}	11.20	no threat
20Feb26 ⁷ HOU ⁷	7	Evil Tom (Rivera, Santos)	123	L b	6	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	6	6	9.80	brief spd, empty late

Fractional Times: 22.95 47.09 1:13.52

Final Time: 1:20.57

Split Times: (24:14) (26:43) (7:05)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Short Speech, Bay Filly, by [Mr Speaker](#) out of Life Is Short, by Old Fashioned. Foaled Apr 01, 2023 in Texas.

MR SPEAKER  Winner's sire standing at Forks of the Paluxy Farm

Breeder: Stephen Baker

Owner: Ron A. Stolich

Trainer: Ashford, Jr., H.

Claiming Prices: 5 - Short Speech: \$10,000; 6 - Vancouver Valor: \$10,000; 1 - Witt's Dubai Gal: \$10,000; 2 - Glory All the Time: \$10,000; 4 - Holiday Cruise: \$10,000; 7 - Evil Tom: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Free to Be Me (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$7,831

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Short Speech	7.80	3.60	2.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	7.20	221
6	Vancouver Valor		3.20	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	16.90	3,388
1	Witt's Dubai Gal			3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-1	21.35	2,832
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-1-2	7.43	2,027
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-4-5 (3 correct)	16.50	291

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Short Speech	5	4 ²	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹
6	Vancouver Valor	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹
1	Witt's Dubai Gal	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}
2	Glory All the Time	6	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁶
4	Holiday Cruise	4	6 ³	6 ⁴	5 ^{11 1/2}	5 ^{15 3/4}
7	Evil Tom	2	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}	6 ¹³	6 ^{26 1/2}

Trainers: 5 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 6 - Cappellucci, Dick; 1 - Gourneau, Jerry; 2 - Pish, Danny; 4 - Ortiz, Javier; 7 - Govea, Cesar

Owners: 5 -Ron A. Stolich; 6 -Glen Robertson; 1 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.; 2 - Gee Family Racing LLC; 4 -Javier Ruiz Ortiz; 7 - L and G Racing Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SHORT SPEECH tracked four-wide not far off the pace up the backstretch, launched a bid with three furlongs to run, chased VANCOUVER VALOR into the stretch with WITT'S DUBAI GIRL also a factor to the inside, gradually wore down both foes in the late stages and prevailed in the last jumps. VANCOUVER VALOR broke well, made the lead and led the way into the turn with the rest in close pursuit, opened up a bit at the quarter pole, had SHORT SPEECH giving chase to the outside, finished gamely ahead of rivals to both sides in the final furlong but yielded in the last jumps. WITT'S DUBAI GAL away in good order, tracked close up on the inside, steadied slightly before the quarter pole, finished up well, but was not quite good enough. GLORY ALL THE TIME raced in the middle of the compact field, never far back, kept to the inside through the turn but was outkicked in the stretch. HOLIDAY CRUISE dropped to the back after a level start, tried to rally three-wide through the turn but was unable to threaten. EVIL TOM broke on top, dueled with VANCOUVER VALOR three-deep to the turn, dropped out before the three-furlong pole and had nothing to offer in the stretch.