

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - March 13, 2026 - Race 8



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$800 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since December 13, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000. (Rail at 18 feet). (SNW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Gaelico - 1:42.05 - February 21, 2015)

Purse: \$20,000

Includes: \$15,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$20,000

Value of Race: \$20,000 1st \$11,760, 2nd \$3,920, 3rd \$2,156, 4th \$1,176, 5th \$588, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100, 9th \$100

Weather: Clear, 74° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 9:48 **Start:** Good for all except 2,3 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
8Feb26	⁵ HOU ⁵	6 Sippin Scotch (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	121	L	6	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ³	1 ^{1/2}	13.90	slwd pc,qknd3/8,hold
21Feb26	⁸ HOU ³	7 Binary Code (Diego, Iram)	121	L b	7	5	6 ²	6 ²	6 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}	1.20*	rank,late bid,misssed
22Feb26	⁴ HOU ⁴	4 Roman Eagle (Manrique, Freddy)	123	L b	4	6	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4.70	cls ins,blkd,gd fnsh
22Feb26	⁶ HOU ²	1 Grind Jim (Luzzi, Lane)	121	L b	1	9	9	9	8 ²	8 ¹²	4 ^{2 3/4}	10.40	sttld bk,rallied,imprv
22Feb26	⁷ HOU ⁸	9 Just Bernie (Diaz, Rene)	123	L b	8	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3.40	cls up3-4w,need more
21Feb26	⁸ HOU ⁵	10 Fly Red Bird Fly (Rivera, Santos)	121	L b	9	4	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	15.20	fractious, 4-wide trip
13Feb26	⁸ HOU ¹	2 Air of Ghurair (Pena, Brayan)	123	L b	2	8	8 ⁴	7 ²	7 ⁴	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	13.20	sttld bk,6-7w stretch
31Jan26	⁴ HOU ⁷	5 Dapilot (Parker, Deshawn)	121	L	5	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{19 1/2}	17.50	close up,lacked finish
10Sep22	⁷ LAD ²	3 Whiskey Over Ice (Hamilton, Weston)	121	L b	3	7	7 ^{1 1/2}	8 ²	9	9	9	22.80	bmp,sttld bk, no rally

Fractional Times: 24.02 50.01 1:14.81 1:39.72 **Final Time:** 1:46.24

Split Times: (25:99) (24:80) (24:91) (6:52)

Run-Up: 102 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Sippin Scotch, Bay Gelding, by Keep Up out of Bright Perfection, by Grand Slam. Foaled Apr 30, 2021 in Texas.

Breeder: Doug Pagel

Owner: Henry S. Witt, Jr.

Trainer: Gourneau, Jerry

Claiming Prices: 6 - Sippin Scotch: \$50,000; 7 - Binary Code: \$50,000; 4 - Roman Eagle: \$50,000; 1 - Grind Jim: \$50,000; 9 - Just Bernie: \$50,000; 10 - Fly Red Bird Fly: \$50,000; 2 - Air of Ghurair: \$50,000; 5 - Dapilot: \$50,000; 3 - Whiskey Over Ice: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): First Cape (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$16,849

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
6	Sippin Scotch	29.80	11.20	3.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-6	149.10	797	
7	Binary Code		3.80	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	73.30	6,676	
4	Roman Eagle			3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-7-4	166.70	4,696	
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-7-4-1	149.97	2,740	
					\$3.00 Pick 3	6-6-ALL (3 correct)	18.90	87	
					\$1.00 Pick 3	ALL-7-6 (3 correct)	162.80	759	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6/7-2-7-6 (3 correct)	171.95	1,564	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	5-6/7-2-7-6 (3 correct)	7.00	734	624
					\$0.20 Super High Five Jackpot	6-7-4-1-9	6,158.96	2,944	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Sippin Scotch	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ³	1 ^{1/2}
7	Binary Code	5	6 ^{1 3/4}	6 ³	6 ⁴	3 ³	2 ^{1/2}
4	Roman Eagle	6	4 ¹	4 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ³	3 ^{3/4}
1	Grind Jim	9	9 ^{9 1/4}	9 ⁹	8 ^{8 1/2}	8 ⁴	4 ^{1 3/4}
9	Just Bernie	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{4 1/2}
10	Fly Red Bird Fly	4	5 ^{1 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ³	4 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}
2	Air of Ghurair	8	8 ^{5 1/4}	7 ⁵	7 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ⁵
5	Dapilot	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ²	6 ^{3 1/2}	8 ⁶
3	Whiskey Over Ice	7	7 ^{3 3/4}	8 ⁷	9 ^{10 1/2}	9 ¹⁶	9 ^{25 1/2}

Trainers: 6 - Gourneau, Jerry; 7 - Ashford, Jr., H.; 4 - Gustafson, Austin; 1 - Castellanos, Jaime; 9 - Caldwell, J.; 10 - Rivera, Jose; 2 - Castellanos, Jaime; 5 - Pish, Danny; 3 - Gomez, David

Owners: 6 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.; 7 -Richard B. Benton; 4 -Austin Gustafson; 1 -Darrell W. Bravenec; 9 - Stoneview Farm, Inc. and Upham, Candace L.; 10 -Jose Juan Rivera; 2 -Darrell W. Bravenec; 5 - Blackhorse Farm, LLC (Sutton); 3 -Darlene Thornton;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SIPPIN SCOTCH hustled away and secured the early lead, leaving the chute, proceeded to dictate moderate fractions while being left alone on the lead, quickened heading into the far turn, while maintaining a clear advantage, responded when set down in earnest at the top of the lane, and held sway under steady handling to prevail. BINARY CODE was rank passing the stands the first time and continued to fight the rider through the first turn, settled down up the backstretch, raced up close to the stretch, then produced a strong finish to just miss. ROMAN EAGLE broke in and made some light contact with WHISKEY OVER ICE, secured a rail position and tucked in behind the pace through the early stages, bided time without a clear path to the stretch, had the winner get first run, but finished up well to take the third prize. GRIND JIM was unhurried from the start and settled at the back of the pack, advanced closer on the far turn, then made a nice late run to improve while never becoming a serious threat. JUST BERNIE got forward position but was hung out three to four wide on both turns, finished up with some interest but could not produce the needed late kick. FLY RED BIRD FLY was very fractious in the gate, got caught four-wide on the clubhouse turn, settled wide in the middle of the pack, was able to quicken with the pace on the far turn, then had a problem with the lead change in the stretch and flattened out. AIR OF GHURAIR got shuffled back after the start, had only one horse behind turning onto the main

course, bided time through the middle stages, then went six or seven wide into the stretch but was unable to improve. DAPILOT raced close up in the middle of the field to the stretch, then lacked a finish. WHISKEY OVER ICE got bumped at the start, then raced near the back, then never offered a rally and finished well behind the rest.

Track Attendance: 0
Off Track Wagering

Handle: \$70,432
Handle: \$86,866

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