

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - March 15, 2026 - Race 8

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$3,400 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since September 15, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000. Texas Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. (Rail at 18 feet). (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000

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

Purse: \$17,000

Includes: \$15,000 Horse Industry Escrow Account

Available Money: \$17,000

Value of Race: \$17,000 1st \$9,960, 2nd \$3,320, 3rd \$1,826, 4th \$996, 5th \$498, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100, 9th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 79° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:16 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
8Feb26 ⁵ HOU ¹	4	Down the Islands (Fuentes, Mario)	123	L	bh	4	8	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	1 ²	7.00	split1/4, hld safe late	
21Feb26 ⁹ HOU ⁴	1	Hedge the Risk (Elliott, Stewart)	121	L		1	9	8 ^{Head}	8 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5.40	lagged, late bid, missed
21Feb26 ⁹ HOU ²	5	Absolutely Certain (Alvarez, Jose)	123	L		5	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ³	0.70*	trkd 2w, good finish
22Feb26 ⁷ HOU ⁹	9	Supersecretweapon (Wiseman, Isaiah)	121	L		8	1	5 ¹	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4 ¹	6.90	sttld 3w, needed more
2Jan26 ² DED ⁶	3	Drobny (Parker, Deshawn)	121	L	b	3	6	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ⁷	7.80	stlk2w, wknd1/4, outfnsh
21Feb26 ⁹ HOU ⁶	2	Brilliant Spin (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	121	L	b	2	7	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	6 ⁷	6 ^{2 1/2}	28.20	set pace, gave way 1/4
20Jan26 ⁴ WRD ²	7	Franchuchie (Diego, Iram)	121	L		6	4	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	8 ¹	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{5 3/4}	26.90	svd grnd, no rally
6Mar26 ² HOU ⁶	8	Moon Factor (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	121	L		7	2	9	9	9	9	8 ^{2 1/4}	24.30	sttld bk, 3w, lack rally
21Feb26 ⁹ HOU ⁵	10	Flying Tex (Gonzalez, Elvin)	123	L	h	9	3	7 ¹	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	8 ¹	9	28.10	4w-1trn, no late bid

Fractional Times: 23.04 46.63 1:10.55 1:23.54 **Final Time:** 1:36.30

Split Times: (23:59) (23:92) (12:99) (12:76)

Run-Up: 178 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Down the Islands, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Midnight Storm out of Scotland Bay, by Gone Astray. Foaled May 03, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Julie Davies

Owner: Sanders, Colton and Brook, Trevor Richard

Trainer: Davidson, Sarah

Claiming Prices: 4 - Down the Islands: \$25,000; 1 - Hedge the Risk: \$25,000; 5 - Absolutely Certain: \$25,000; 9 - Supersecretweapon: \$30,000; 3 - Drobny: \$25,000; 2 - Brilliant Spin: \$25,000; 7 - Franchuchie: \$25,000; 8 - Moon Factor: \$25,000; 10 - Flying Tex: \$30,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Pinehurst (IRE) (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$10,718

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
4	Down the Islands	16.00	6.80	3.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	9-4	28.60	445	
1	Hedge the Risk		4.60	3.00	\$1.00 Exacta	4-1	35.50	3,502	
5	Absolutely Certain			2.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-1-5	31.10	3,184	
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-1-5-9	22.41	2,477	
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-9-4 (3 correct)	92.60	322	
					\$3.00 Pick 3	ALL-7-4 (ALL TURF PICK 3) (3 correct)	60.60	69	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	7-3-3/8/9-4 (4 correct)	153.95	853	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	4-7-3-3/8/9-4 (4 correct)	32.40	295	194
					\$0.20 Super High Five Jackpot	4-1-5-9-3	67.02	407	170

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Down the Islands	8	3 ²	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{Nose}
1	Hedge the Risk	9	8 ⁵	8 ^{3 3/4}	6 ⁴	3 ²	2 ^{Nose}
5	Absolutely Certain	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}
9	Supersecretweapon	1	5 ³	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	4 ^{4 1/2}
3	Drobny	6	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}
2	Brilliant Spin	7	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	6 ⁵	6 ^{12 1/2}
7	Franchuchie	4	6 ⁴	7 ^{3 3/4}	8 ^{7 3/4}	7 ¹²	7 ¹⁵
8	Moon Factor	2	9 ^{5 1/4}	9 ^{5 1/4}	9 ^{8 3/4}	9 ^{13 1/2}	8 ^{20 3/4}
10	Flying Tex	3	7 ⁴	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{12 1/2}	9 ²³

Trainers: 4 - Davidson, Sarah; 1 - Asmussen, Steven; 5 - Calhoun, W.; 9 - Hurley, Tina; 3 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 2 - Bravo, Francisco; 7 - Williams, J.; 8 - Torrez, Jerenesto; 10 - Davidson, Sarah

Owners: 4 - Sanders, Colton and Brook, Trevor Richard; 1 - Swinbank Stables LLC; 5 - Highlander Training Center; 9 -Melva Lou Strehler; 3 -Erin Gaarz; 2 -Eden De La Rosa; 7 -Jason A. Wiseman; 8 -Gokmen Kaya; 10 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.;

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DOWN THE ISLANDS raced close up in third position to the far turn, split horses at the quarter pole to take the lead into the stretch, went clear and just held off a strong challenge to the outside at the wire. HEDGE THE RISK was inside at the back through the first half, navigated a steady advance late on the backstretch run and through the far turn, closed stoutly in the closing stages, and just missed. ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN raced in mid-pack two-deep through the early stages, moved up with range of the leaders approaching the top of the stretch, bid four-wide, finished well but came up short. SUPERSECRETWEAPON settled in mid-pack and three-wide early, finished with some late interest, but was not doing enough late to pose a threat. DROBNY showed good speed from the start, settled in a stalking position to the outside of BRILLIANT SPIN, then was unable to quicken with the rest of the field past the quarter pole, and was outfinished in the stretch. BRILLIANT SPIN under urging early to get to the lead, led the parade down the backstretch, then gave way late on the far turn. FRANCHUCHIE saved ground to no avail near the back and did not offer a late bid. MOON FACTOR was not asked for speed from the start, settled three-wide at the back of the field, then lacked a rally. FLYING TEX went four-wide through the clubhouse turn, tracked in the

back half of the field early on, then did not respond when asked to quicken on the far turn.

Track Attendance: 0
Off Track Wagering

Handle: \$56,577
Handle: \$74,014

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