

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - March 21, 2026 - Race 6

STAKES Star of Texas S. Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance - Thoroughbred FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. \$500 due at time of entry. Starters to pay an additional \$500. Supplemental nominations in the amount of \$2,000 may be made at time of entry and shall include all fees. Purse includes \$60,000 from the TTA Event Fund. The Purse to be distributed: \$1,000 to all starters sixth through last. The remaining balance to be distributed: 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight: 123 lbs. Non-winners of a Sweepstakes at a mile in 2025 - 2026 allowed 3 lbs. Non-winners of two races at a mile since September 23, 2025 allowed 5 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming and Starter races not considered in weight allowances). Preference to horses with highest earnings in 2025-20226 at time of entry. Horses not drawing a starting position in the gate will receive a refund of the entry fee. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. To nominate for this race call or text Greg Thompson at 469-394-6330. (S)

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Catalissa - 1:36.33 - March 8, 2003)

Purse: \$81,500 Added

Includes: \$60,000 TTA - TX Thoroughbred Assoc.

Available Money: \$81,500

Value of Race: \$81,500 1st \$48,900, 2nd \$16,300, 3rd \$8,965, 4th \$4,890, 5th \$2,445

Weather: Clear, 81° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:23 **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
14Feb26 ¹¹ HOU ⁶	1	Victory for Vets (Alvarez, Jose)	123	L b	1	1	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁴	0.90*	stlk,bid1/4,drew clear
14Feb26 ¹¹ HOU ³	6	Golden Grit (Diaz, Rene)	121	L b	3	4	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ² 1/2	2 ³ 3/4	2.10	led2p,duel str,2nd bst
8Mar26 ⁸ HOU ⁵	5	Mr Jaws (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123	L b	2	2	4 ³	4 ² 1/2	4 ³	4 ⁵	3 ³	14.50	btw,steady2x,gd fnsh
14Feb26 ¹¹ HOU ⁴	7	Tx Code (Elliott, Stewart)	123	L	4	3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ⁸ 1/2	3.60	close3w,outfinished
1Mar26 ⁷ HOU ⁶	8	Dust Em (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	119	L	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7.70	outrun

Fractional Times: 23.74 47.63 1:11.87 1:24.19 **Final Time:** 1:36.74

Split Times: (23:89) (24:24) (12:32) (12:55)

Run-Up: 59 feet

Winner: Victory for Vets, Chestnut Gelding, by Tapiture out of Diamondinthestream, by Smart Strike. Foaled Apr 24, 2021 in Texas.

Breeder: AsmussenEquine.com

Owner: James Stodola

Trainer: Calhoun, W.

Scratched Horse(s): Bobby Brinkley (Trainer), Proven Advocate (Trainer), Turn North (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$12,222

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Victory for Vets	3.80	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	3.40	4,581
6	Golden Grit		2.40	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-5	9.50	4,001
5	Mr Jaws			3.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-5-7	2.60	1,897
					\$1.00 Pick 3	2-6-1 (3 correct)	222.40	520
					\$0.50 Pick 4	7-2-6-1/2/3/4 (4 correct)	529.55	603
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-7-2-6-1/2/3/4 (4 correct)	4.80	0
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-7-2-6-1/2/3/4 (5 correct)	486.75	691
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-1	26.80	720

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Victory for Vets	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁴
6	Golden Grit	4	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ⁴
5	Mr Jaws	2	4 ¹ 1/4	4 ²	4 ²	4 ³	3 ⁷ 3/4
7	Tx Code	3	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	4 ¹⁰ 3/4
8	Dust Em	5	5 ⁴ 1/4	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁵	5 ⁸	5 ¹⁹ 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Calhoun, W.; 6 - Caldwell, J.; 5 - Gourneau, Jerry; 7 - Calhoun, W.; 8 - Jacks, Karen

Owners: 1 -James Stodola; 6 -Fred Walden; 5 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.; 7 - Mansfield Racing; 8 - Carl R. Moore Management, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VICTORY FOR VETS took a stalking position on the inside just off the leader, pulled near even approaching the quarter pole, responded when set down in upper stretch, had the rider lose the crop near the furlong marker, but held safe under steady handling, widening the margin near the finish. GOLDEN GRIT raced two-wide on the lead while under confident handling, quckened away with VICTORY FOR VETS into the stretch, but could not match that rival late, chased gamely and had to settle for the place. MR JAWS settled between horses in the main group, was hard held between rivals and steadied twice down the back stretch off heels, waited for room going into the turn, then finished up well to gain third while never a threat to the top two. TX CODE was always close up three-wide, then was outfinished in the stretch. DUST EM settled unhurried well behind the rest in the first half-mile, then was unable to keep up in the late stages.