

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK - March 28, 2026 - Race 10

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$2,900 ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$5,000 OR LESS IN 2025-2026 OR WHICH HAVE STARTED IN A RATINGS HANDICAP 55 OR LESS. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 28, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. (Highest Earnings 2025-2026 Preferred). (C)

Claiming Price: \$5,000 - \$0

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Bucharest - 1:21.29 - May 4, 1996)

Purse: \$14,500

Available Money: \$14,500

Value of Race: \$14,500 1st \$8,580, 2nd \$2,860, 3rd \$1,573, 4th \$858, 5th \$429, 6th \$100, 7th \$100

Weather: Cloudy, 72° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:10 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Feb26 ⁴ HOU ¹	5	Derby Date (Gonzalez, Elvin)	123	L b	3	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹ 1/2	8.80	str duel, edged clear
15Mar26 ⁶ HOU ¹	6	Donegal Freedom (Parker, Deshawn)	123	L	4	1	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ⁵	2 ⁴ 3/4	0.50*	clr, met bids, duel, yid
21Feb26 ⁴ HOU ¹	7	Pinky Ring Bling (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	123	L b	5	5	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	27.60	3w, chsd pair to wire
15Mar26 ³ HOU ⁶	4	Send Off (Fuentes, Mario)	121	L bh	2	7	7	7	6 ¹	4 ^{Nose}	43.80	no spd, rally too late
6Mar26 ⁷ HOU ¹	8	Worth Looking (Diaz, Rene)	123	L b	6	2	5 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹	5 ²	2.10	trkd4w, outfinished
6Feb26 ⁴ HOU ⁴	3	Big Wave James (Hamilton, Weston)	121	L	1	3	4 ^{Head}	6 ⁴	4 ¹	6 ¹ 3/4	27.50	trk ins, drop3/8, chsd
15Mar26 ⁶ HOU ³	9	Cawkab (Elliott, Stewart)	123	L b	7	6	6 ⁴	5 ¹ 1/2	7	7	14.00	5-wide, no rally

Fractional Times: 23.70 46.76 1:10.78

Final Time: 1:23.75 **Time from Gate:** 1:24.89

Split Times: (23:06) (24:02) (12:97)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Derby Date, Chestnut Gelding, by Will Take Charge out of Smart and Fancy, by Not For Love. Foaled May 07, 2016 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Calumet Farm

Owner: Steven M. Asmussen

Trainer: Asmussen, Steven

Scratched Horse(s): Maximus Magic (Stewards), Special Moment (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$6,514

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Derby Date	19.60	4.00	3.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-5	33.10	250
6	Donegal Freedom		2.80	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	18.60	2,869
7	Pinky Ring Bling			7.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-7	150.45	2,295
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-7-4	112.48	1,629
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-3-5 (3 correct)	71.70	348
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	3-1	2.90	0
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	3-2	2.60	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Derby Date	4	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹ 1/2
6	Donegal Freedom	1	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 1/2
7	Pinky Ring Bling	5	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ⁵	3 ⁶ 1/4
4	Send Off	7	7 ⁵ 3/4	7 ⁶ 1/2	6 ⁷ 1/4	4 ⁷ 1/4
8	Worth Looking	2	5 ¹ 3/4	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/4	5 ⁷ 1/4
3	Big Wave James	3	4 ¹ 1/2	6 ² 1/2	4 ⁵ 1/4	6 ⁹ 1/4
9	Cawkab	6	6 ¹ 3/4	5 ²	7 ⁸ 1/4	7 ¹¹

Trainers: 5 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 7 - Gourneau, Jerry; 4 - Davidson, Sarah; 8 - Caldwell, J.; 3 - Eoff, Terry; 9 - Asmussen, Steven

Owners: 5 -Steven M. Asmussen; 6 -Erin Gaarz; 7 -Henry S. Witt, Jr.; 4 -Sarah Nicole Davidson; 8 - Caldwell, J. R. and Young, Timothy D.; 3 -Terry Eoff; 9 -Steven M. Asmussen;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DERBY DATE raced between rivals in the tracking group up the backstretch, bid two-wide late on the turn to press for the lead near the quarter pole, dueled outside of DONEGAL FREEDOM through the stretch, and edged ahead inside the sixteenth marker. DONEGAL FREEDOM went clear early and let the field to the turn, shook off all but DERBY DATE leaving the quarter pole, dueled that rival to deep stretch, and yielded late while finishing well clear of the next horse. PINKY RING BLING raced three-wide between rivals in the tracking group, emerged from the pack approaching the stretch, and chased the top two to the wire. SEND OFF devoid of early speed, was far back early, put in a late run, but was too late to pose a threat. WORTH LOOKING tracked four-wide up close, then was outfinished in the stretch. BIG WAVE JAMES was the inside horse in the second flight, dropped out early on the turn, and was in chase mode from that point. CAWKAB raced five-wide, came into the stretch on the left lead, and did not rally.