FIRST RACE

Sam Houston

MARCH 28, 2026

6½ FURLONGS. (1.15³) STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $20,000 (PLUS UP TO $800 ATB) FOR TEXAS ACCREDITED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $10,000 OR LESS IN 2025–2026 OR WHICH HAVE STARTED IN A RATINGS HANDICAP 65 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). (Clear. 72.)

Value of Race: $20,000 Winner $11,940; second $3,980; third $2,189; fourth $1,194; fifth $597; sixth $100. Mutuel Pool $5,091.00 Exacta Pool $2,904.00 Trifecta Pool $2,392.00 Superfecta Pool $1,563.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
15Mar26 ³Hou²	Bergheim	L b	4	123	5	4	3¹	3²	1hd	1½	Valdez-Jiminez E	1.80
6Mar26 ⁷Hou⁵	Champagne Stooper	L	7	121	2	5	5hd	4½	3hd	2½	Diego I V	17.50
6Mar26 ⁴Hou²	Ring Seeker	L	4	122	3	2	2¹	1hd	2²	3¾	Diaz R	2.00
28Feb26 ⁸Hou³	Fort Hood	L b	6	123	1	1	1½	2¹	4³	4²¾	Elliott S	3.20
1Mar26 ⁷Hou⁴	Bling Mountain	L	7	123	6	3	4¹	5½	5½	5³¼	Hamilton W	3.40
27Feb26 ⁵Hou⁶	Tap to Connect	L	5	121	4	6	6	6	6	6	Rivera S	33.60

OFF AT 1:02 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23³, :46³, 1:10³, 1:16⁴ (:23.65, :46.68, 1:10.79, 1:16.95)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – BERGHEIM	**5.60**	**3.80**	**2.40**
2 – CHAMPAGNE STOOPER		**9.80**	**3.80**
3 – RING SEEKER			**2.60**

$1 EXACTA 5–2 PAID $25.50 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5–2–3 PAID $38.80 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5–2–3–1 PAID $13.61

Ch. g, (Feb), by Union Jackson – Cool Ten Grand , by Malibu Moon . Trainer Gourneau Jerry. Bred by Watershed Bloodstock LLC (Tex).

BERGHEIM tracked the pace close up three-wide to the turn, moved up to challenge for the lead at the top of the stretch, battled a game RING SEEKER through upper stretch. then drove clear in the final yards. CHAMPAGNE STOOPER was allowed to settle early, raced at the back of the field up the backstretch, navigated an inside path through the turn, came out three-wide for the stretch run, and rallied into second. RING SEEKER Inherited the early lead, then ceded the front to FORT HOOD, settled in a stalking position behind that one, took over the lead on the turn, dueled with BERGHEIM from the quarter pole, then yielded late. FORT HOOD broke well and took over the lead in the initial stages, led the way through the turn, weakened at the quarter pole, then gave way in mid-stretch. BLING MOUNTAIN settled at the back early, chased four-wide up the backstretch, was under a drive from the three-furlong pole, but was unable to improve. TAP TO CONNECT was outpaced early, made a mild move on the turn, then chased the rest through the stretch.

Owners– 1, Witt Henry S Jr; 2, Schneider Eric W; 3, Rinn Rick and Rinn Sheri; 4, Baker Stephen R; 5, Pratt James D; 6, L and G Racing Stables

Trainers– 1, Gourneau Jerry; 2, Schneider Eric W; 3, Caldwell J R; 4, Davidson M Brent; 5, Davidson M Brent; 6, Govea Cesar

Scratched– Algebra (15Mar26 ⁷Hou²)