

SAM HOUSTON



WEDNESDAY 2/6/19

BEST BET: 2 MY LITTLE ROCKSTAR (5th)

LONGSHOT: 5 PURELY BOY (7th)

LIKELY: 1 DROWNINGNDIAMONDS (4th)

HOU P4	RACE 2	\$144	HOU P5	RACE 5	\$378
1,2,5,6 *	2,3,4,5,7,9		2,9 *	1,2,4 *	1,2,4,5,6,7,8
1,3,4 *	2,4,5,9		1,2,5,6,8,9 *	2,5,6	

1 SAM HOUSTON PARK R1 52
OPT CLM 50K, 1M TURF

- 2 BACKFLASH 7-5
- 1 BLESSINGS FIRST 2-1
- 5 COVER CHARGE 3-1
- 3 LILY'S POSE 8-1

PICK: 2 BACKFLASH

The only thing of concern is why is Diego on the other Asmussen runner. Diego is his top call rider at HOU. The dam is a full to the G1, \$4M winner Untapable and the \$2M G1 turf winner (3rd in the Ky Derby) Paddy O'Prado. Best on paper but some questions abound.

VALUE: 3 LILY'S POSE

Have to respect anything from Broberg and this one ships in from Delta Downs and gets on the grass for the first time. Not much in the way of turf breeding but does have the talent to compete. One of the best riders on track (Parker) is up. Tracks the early speed.

A) 1,2,5 B) 3 C) 4,6

2 SAM HOUSTON PARK R2 37
CLM 10K, 6F DIRT

- 6 TOLEDO PACHE 12-1
- 1 LOOKIECOOKIE 7-5
- 5 GET THE BLING 9-5
- 2 VALID SILVER CHARM 6-1

PICK: 6 TOLEDO PACHE

VALUE: 2 VALID SILVER CHARM

A) 1,2,5,6 B) 3 C) 4,7

3 SAM HOUSTON PARK R3 31
CLM 25K, 1M TURF

- 3 MEGA HONOR 5-1
- 2 WHERE'S DENNIS 12-1
- 5 SEDUCTIVE USA 9-5
- 7 MEDIEVAL MEDICINE 20-1

PICK: 3 MEGA HONOR

VALUE: 7 MEDIEVAL MEDICINE

A) 2,3,5,7 B) 4,9 C) 6,10

4 SAM HOUSTON PARK R4 73
OPT CLM 10K, 5.5F DIRT

- 1 DROWNINGNDIAMONDS 4-5
- 3 DION 5-2
- 5 MEME JO 10-1
- 4 DANCE DOCTOR 8-1

PICK: 1 DROWNINGNDIAMONDS

Nice claim by Asmussen five starts ago and he's gotten two wins (including 1 in a stakes race) and was a close 2nd vs better in last at 6-1. Has speed but doesn't need the lead. He lost to a Broberg runner in last who has won 8 of 12. Should be tough with a clean break.

VALUE: 5 MEME JO

Normally wouldn't advocate for a horse who was claimed from Villafranco but this was a reclaim by trainer George Bryant. He broke first in 6 of his last 10 starts and got away in top 3 in 9 of last 10. He might be allowed to go. Rider was up in his last win (wire to wire).

A) 1 B) 3,4 C) 2,5

5 SAM HOUSTON PARK R5 61
MDN CLM 50K, 1M TURF

- 2 MY LITTLE ROCKSTAR 9-2
- 9 TIZ PLUS 2-1
- 5 HICKS IS LIT 7-2
- 4 LORD STRATTON 10-1

PICK: 2 MY LITTLE ROCKSTAR

Ran second in his debut at Gulfstream Park West at 31-1 and that came on the grass vs a better field. Ran 3rd four back in MSW at TAM at 37-1. The runner-up had been 3rd in a MSW at CD previously and won a MSW after. Really no excuse for last. He's bred well for the turf.

VALUE: 4 LORD STRATTON

Blinkers go on for this gelding who makes his fourth career start here and first on the grass. Debut race was actually very decent. The winner won a RP stakes right back and was beaten just over 5 in the Springboard at RP at 73-1. Both dam and sire handled grass.

A) 2,9 B) 4,5 C) 3,7,8,10

6 SAM HOUSTON PARK R6 58
CLM 5K, 6F DIRT

- 1 FUDGE PROUD 1-1
- 4 TALK GRUFF 6-1
- 2 SNOOSE SASA 3-1
- 5 CATCHASHOOTINGSTAR 8-1

PICK: 1 FUDGE PROUD

Asmussen runners have been firing here (8 wins and 17 in the money from 24 starters) and everywhere. Last win was five back with this rider up over much better at LS. He was a beaten fav 4 of last 6. He had front wraps on after the layoff. Likely but not for certain.

VALUE: 4 TALK GRUFF

Late runner is making his first start after a 6 week break. Rider was up for his last win. It came 11 starts ago at WRD at 9-1. Nibbled vs Ok-bred company. Has just one win at this distance and will need the pace to fall apart a bit. Seems likely for a spot on the trifecta.

A) 1,2,4 B) 5 C) 3,6

7 SAM HOUSTON PARK R7 60
OPT CLM 35K, 1M TURF

- 5 PURELY BOY 6-1
- 8 TURBO STREET 2-1
- 6 CHARLIE WEBB 8-1
- 2 HUMOR 3-1

PICK: 5 PURELY BOY

Despite being 10 years old, he's still running well. He won four times in 2018 and has won 11 of 25 on the turf. He is 12 for 15 either first or second off a layoff of any kind. Comes out of the clouds so he'll need some pace here. Five next out winners from the race 2 back.

VALUE: 6 CHARLIE WEBB

It's hard to figure what will happen with the pace in here. Could be very slow or it could be that many run out trying to take control of it. This one can be tactical. Pressed pace in the win two back and Martin is known to be aggressive. Good 3rd at 25-1 at CBY 5 back.

A) 5 B) 2,6,8 C) 1,4,7,9

8 SAM HOUSTON PARK R8 58
MDN CLM 8K, 5.5F DIRT

- 5 CARA CREEK 8-1
- 6 JIANNA'S PAL 7-2
- 1 LIL MONEY 3-1
- 8 MOVE IT MABEL 6-1

PICK: 5 CARA CREEK

This is a pretty big drop in class. She faced MSW company in her debut. She came back to face maiden claimers at OP. Even though they were Ark-bred's they were still tougher than what is in here. Back with 3 bullet drills. Last workout was best of 56 over this track.

VALUE: 6 JIANNA'S PAL

Has speed which will be a good thing in this spot. She broke first out of the gate in 3 of 5 starts. Don't think she got off very well from the start three back and being on the rail, it was tough to overcome. Trainer Pish takes over and is 6 of 11 on the board at this meet.

A) 1,5,6 B) 2,8 C) 3,7,9

9 SAM HOUSTON PARK R9 52
MDN CLM 15K, 5.5F DIRT

- 6 ST JOSEPH COUNTY 5-2
- 2 UPTOWN BLING 5-1
- 5 PATERFAMILIAS 6-1
- 11 TEXAS WITT 8-1

PICK: 6 ST JOSEPH COUNTY

This is a pretty weak spot and this one was the 1-2 favorite vs similar here last out but was run down by a well-meant firster from trainer Bret Calhoun. Was 2nd in a Retama Park MSW in second start in August. Should be tough to reel in here as he'll be out front.

VALUE: 2 UPTOWN BLING

He was about 5 behind the top choice in the last start at odds of 12-1. Faced better in the races prior. Gets a pretty big rider move to a top rider here, Parker. Had front wraps on in the races two and three back but they came off in last. Should run w/ the top choice last.

A) 6 B) 2,5 C) 4,9,11