

# U PARKER'S U

**1** Exacta: 1-5/1-3-5, \$4. Tri: 1-5/1-3-5/1-2-3-5, \$4. DD: 1-3-5/2-6, \$6.  
Super: 1-5/1-3-5/1-2-3-5/all, \$1.60. Pick 3: 1-3-5/2-6/1-5-7, \$9. Pick 4: 1-3-5/2-6/1-5-7/1, \$9.

WEST COAST BULL (#5) Not sure what happened in his last start in Arizona but he shows three nice recent five-furlong workouts, draws well and should get a nice stalking trip.

Slew o'Mischief (#1) Forced a hot pace and he paid the price when a tiring seventh last, he might be able to sprint clear early in this field and prove tough to catch.

No Ordinary Tiger (#3) Crushed maidens in his most recent, obvious danger off that big effort.

**2** Exacta: 2-6/2-3-6, \$4. Tri: 2-6/2-3-6/1-2-3-5-6, \$6. Pick 3: 2-6/1-5-7/1, \$3.  
Super: 2-6/2-3-6/1-2-3-5-6/all, \$3.60. Pick 4: 2-6/1-5-7/1/3-4-5, \$9.

TRAVEL THE MAP (#6) Invader from California shows two very nice works on this surface, he figures to sit right behind the second choice from the start, can outfinish that one late.

Pass the Crown (#2) Wire to wire winner of his first start last year after a rest again should to be able to sprint clear early today and may prove tough to catch.

Jacob Yen (#3) Exits a very fast heat for the level last, he should be close by at the finish.

**S** Exacta: 8/1-7-12-18-21, \$5. Tri: 8/1-7-12-18-21/1-7-12-18-21, \$10.  
Super: 8/1-7-18/1-7-18-21/1-7-12-18-21, \$27. H5: 8/1-7-18/1-7-18/1-7-18-21/1-7-12-18-21/1-7-8-12-18-21

JOURNALISM (#8) Santa Anita Derby winner has been impressive in all four of his lifetime wins, he has a nice style and appears to have a big edge over this field.

Citizen Bull (#1) Baffert returns with a fast horse who figures to be sent from this post early and might be able to shake clear and go a long way on the lead.

Luxor Cafe (#7) Japanese invader & winner of four straight clearly is very talented, cannot be ignored.

**3** Exacta: 1-7/1-5-7, \$4. Tri: 1-7/1-5-7/1-3-4-5-7, \$6. Pick 3: 1-5-7/1/3-4-5, \$4.50.  
Super: 1-7/1-5-7/1-3-4-5-7/1-2-3-4-5-6-7, \$4.80. Pick 5: 1-5-7/1/3-4-5/2-5-6/7, \$13.50.

GOIN' SOUTH (#7) Had a rough trip in his debut last year and then just missed in his next start, he shows a nice string of workouts leading up to his seasonal debut, expect big try.

Fortyshadesoftiger (#1) Didn't show too much in his two races here last year, but he did face tougher, draws the rail and goes for a barn that has them ready after layoffs.

Ruby N Ray (#5) First time starter is bred to have some early speed and may come out running.

## Today's Best Bet (s):

BESKAR in the fourth.

## Emerald Downs Race Selections for the First Saturday in May, 2025 and the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby

**4**

Exacta: 1/3-4-6-8, \$4. Tri: 1/3-4-6-8/3-4-6-8, \$6. Pick 3: 1/3-4-5/2-5-6, \$4.50.

Super: 2/3-4-6-8/3-4-6-8/2-3-4-5-6-8, \$3.60 Pick 4: 1/3-4-5/2-5-6/7-8, \$9.

BESKAR (#1)

Invader from Santa Anita was parked out wide throughout after breaking slowly last, he moves inside, faces easier and should get a nice stalking trip.

Benny Buckets (#3)

Returns to a dirt surface after being unable to reach conrtetion on the turf last, he was a big winner one race back and must be considered off that effort.

Hot Journey (#6)

Comes off a short break and worked well at Emerald, he deserves a look.

**5**

Exacta: 3-4/3-4-5, cost \$4.

Tri: 3-4/3-4-5/3-4-5-8-10, \$6.

Super: 3-4/3-4-5/3-4-5-8-10/1-3-4-5-8-9-10, \$4.80 Pick 3: 3-4-5/2-5-6/7-8, \$9.

COCONUT DREAMS (#3)

Ran well in her three lifetime starts, she also has some early speed and should be in the battle right from the start, choice in a tough heat.

Cape Blossom (#4)

Stablemate of the top choice had some very troubled trips here last year, a clean trip may be all she needs.

Kir Royale (#5)

First time starter goes for a barn that has them ready, she could be the one.

**6**

Exacta: 5-6/2-5-6, cost \$4.

Tri: 5-6/2-5-6/1-2-3-5-6, \$6.

Super: 5-6/2-5-6/1-2-3-5-6/1-2-3-4-5-6, \$3.60. DD: 2-5-6/7-8, \$6.

COMPANY'S DREAM (#5)

Returns to Emerald off a tiring eighth on the turf last, he ran well against much tougher one race back when on a dirt surface, draws Cruz to ride.

Uncle Leon (#6)

Ran well in the starter series with three second place finishes last year, this barn has them ready after layoffs. definite danger.

Square Cat (#2)

Ships in off an okay effort when fourth last, he also gets the blinkers back on.

**7**

Exacta: 7-8/2-7-8, cost \$4.

Tri: 7-8/2-7-8/1-2-5-7-8, \$6.

Super: 7-8/2-7-8/1-2-5-7-8/1-2-5-7-8, \$2.40. H5: 7-8/2-7-8/1-2-5-7-8/1-2-5-7-8/1-2-5-7-8, \$12.

MOOLIGHT GREY (#7)

Dull efforts in Arizona but he did run second on this surface last year, finds what appears to be a soft spot in this field, choice.

Roman Bronze (#8)

Dull try last but either of his previous two races give her a big shot and the outside draw a plus.

Thirsty Nic (#2)

May prefer longer but he looks to fit very well in this field.

### Today's Longshot (s):

FORTYSHADESOFTIGER in the third.

### Today's Exotic Play (s):

Race 2, \$1 Exacta: 2-6/2-3-6, cost \$4.

Race 7, \$1 Exacta: 7-8/2-7-8, cost \$4.