

# MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

## LEXINGTON STAKES

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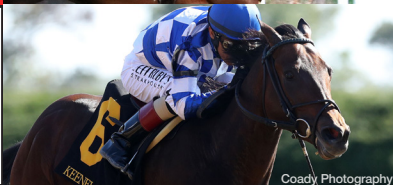


### HARD AS LIFE



**PRO:** Has been running exclusively on turf/synthetic but might prefer switch to dirt.  
**CON:** Up the track in lone stakes try, so plenty of class concerns.

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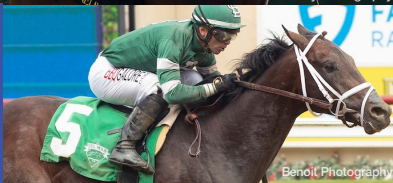


### BRACKET BUSTER



**PRO:** Graduated here and split field in a salty renewal of the Street Sense (G3).  
**CON:** Unraced since Street Sense, which was way back on Oct. 27; might need one.

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### BULLARD



**PRO:** Brings solid graded form from Southern California; bred to like longer.  
**CON:** How fit he will be after a three-month spell is the main concern.

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### ROLANDO



**PRO:** Gamely won Hutcheson S. two back and would be the one to catch if he runs.  
**CON:** Raced on Monday and unlikely to start.

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### NATIVE RUNNER



**PRO:** Slow to come around but enters on a two-win race streak.  
**CON:** Wasn't beating the deepest fields at Fair Grounds; significantly tougher spot here.

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### GOSGER



**PRO:** Nyquist colt has displayed some early promise, and barn was off to fast start this meet.  
**CON:** Hasn't yet faced winners and is relatively inexperienced.

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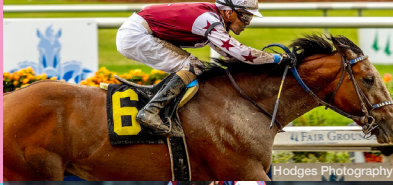


### PRAETOR



**PRO:** Beat Sovereignty last year and trounced allowance foes in comeback.  
**CON:** Pace player wouldn't want to get involved in a fast, contested tempo.

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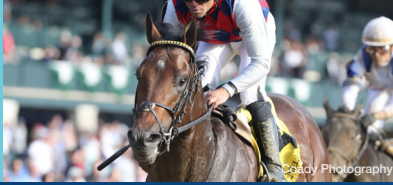


### HYPNUS



**PRO:** Barn still confident in his ability and blinkers might help sharpen his speed.  
**CON:** No threat in either Rebel (G2) or La. Derby (G2) despite some hype.

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### TOUCHY



**PRO:** Multiple stakes-placed colt won impressively first time over this track.  
**CON:** No real threat in only two-turn attempt to date in Sunland Park Derby.