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CALIFORNIA CUP TURNS 29

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association is happy to announce that the 29th running of the California Cup will be held at Santa Anita Park in conjunction with the Sunshine Millions on Saturday, Jan. 26. Now in its sixth year since the two events were merged and run early in the year instead of the fall, this year's edition will again showcase the top California-bred and California-sired horses, with full fields, large restricted purses, and very competitive racing. Many great California and national champions have competed in Cal Cup in its nearly three-decade history.

Resembling last year's changes, the

stakes and overnight restricted races on the card have been adjusted in order to offer more lucrative opportunities for different classes of horses. This should encourage increased participation of the horsemen.

Total purses will once more approach \$1 million with a 10-race card. The stakes races for the day include the \$200,000 Unusual Heat California Cup Turf Classic Presented by City National Bank, the \$150,000 California Cup Sprint, the \$150,000 Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Sprint, and the second running of the \$100,000 California Cup Turf Sprint for 3-year-olds.

The overnight restricted races under

consideration are maiden allowance, non-winners of one allowance, and maiden claiming races, all with large purses and strictly for Cal-bred/Cal-sired horses.

Two other historic California Cup stakes, the Derby and the Oaks, have been moved back a few weeks on the calendar to provide better spacing between the 2- and now 3-year-old stakes that have been offered since last summer. These stakes, both with purses of \$200,000, will be run on Presidents' Day, Feb. 18.

We thank our decade-long sponsor, City National Bank, and our partner, Santa Anita Park, for all of their support honoring the Cal-bred industry.

Good luck to all the connections! **CTB**

2019 CAL CUP STAKES

Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value
Jan. 26	SA	Unusual Heat Turf Classic Presented by City National Bank	4-y-o & up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ m. (T)	\$200,000
Jan. 26	SA	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint	4-y-o & up, f. & m., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	abt. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ f. (T)	\$150,000
Jan. 26	SA	California Cup Sprint	4-y-o & up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	6 f.	\$150,000
Jan. 26	SA	California Cup Turf Sprint Stakes	3-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	abt. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ f. (T)	\$100,000

2019 CAL CUP DERBY AND OAKS

Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value
Feb. 18	SA	California Cup Derby	3-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ m.	\$200,000
Feb. 18	SA	California Cup Oaks	3-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1 m. (T)	\$200,000