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CALIFORNIA-BREDS WINNING COAST TO COAST

California-breds have been dominant in graded stakes races so far this year. Even with fewer racing days in Southern California for the past several months, Cal-breds have already won 11 graded stakes races through mid-July. (See list at right.) To put this in perspective, there were a total of four graded winners in all of last year.

Many of these graded wins in 2019 have, in fact, occurred when horses shipped back east to prestigious race-tracks in New York and Kentucky. Also, it is important to point out that the 11 graded wins, thus far, have come on various surfaces (dirt and turf) and distances (short and long). This highlights the fact that the local breeding program is well balanced with the current stallions and mares residing in the state.

The accomplishments this first half of the year have been by 11 individual horses, with the majority being the progeny of several different sires. In regard to the stallions currently standing, or having previously stood, in California, nine already have 2019 progeny earnings over \$1 million. Two of them are currently listed among the top 50 sires in the country. This is more than any other state outside of Kentucky.

The commitments made by the industry to provide greater incentives to upgrade breeding stock in the state have assisted in yielding these recent favorable results. The addition of the Golden State Series, maiden bonus, and all the other lucrative incentives and restricted purse offerings are definitely leading the way.

With many stakes offered throughout the summer and

2019 CAL-BRED GRADED WINS THROUGH MID-JULY

SOLID WAGER – G3 TOBOGGAN – AQUEDUCT

APACHE PRINCESS – G3 SWEET LIFE – SANTA ANITA

SPICED PERFECTION – G1 MADISON – KEENELAND

EDDIE HASKELL – G3 DAYTONA – SANTA ANITA

MARCKIE'S WATER – G2 CHARLES WHITTINGHAM – SANTA ANITA

S Y SKY – G3 MONROVIA – SANTA ANITA

GRECIAN FIRE – G2 ALL AMERICAN – GOLDEN GATE

ACCLIMATE – G3 SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO – SANTA ANITA

PHANTOM BOSS – G3 BASHFORD MANOR – CHURCHILL DOWNS

LISTING – G3 QUICK CALL – SARATOGA

MUCHO UNUSUAL – G2 SAN CLEMENTE – DEL MAR

fall, including Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, Cal-breds should continue to be in the spotlight. This is ample justification for investing in California, and we are optimistic that the positive results realized so far this year will continue into the future. **CTB**