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CTBA Stakes a Claim for State Owners & Breeders

The CTBA has worked diligently the past several decades to provide ample stakes opportunities to California owners and breeders. The growth and protection of black-type races remain of utmost importance to incentivize and reward those breeding in the state as the value of the stakes performer, their sire/dam and entire family are positively affected.

While we oversee the registration and allocation of races for the lucrative Golden State Series program offered statewide,

we also encourage the offering of as many listed and overnight stakes opportunities as possible through the purse account. With the support of the TOC, through legislation enacted in the mid-1990s, Cal-breds are eligible for a 30% purse bonus in these open overnight stakes. This can add \$15,000-\$22,500 to the total purse available to a California-bred.

Through the first 5½ months of the year (Jan. 1-May 15), there have already been a 20 stakes wins by California-breds. Fifteen of the victories came in Cal-bred restricted

stakes, three in graded stakes, and two in non-graded open stakes.

While many black-type opportunities are on offer throughout the state over the next six months (see list of Golden State races on page 35), we would like to recognize below the horses and connections of the stakes winners thus far in 2021. For the most part, the Golden State stakes races have been popular and have filled well. Let's hope this trend continues through the summer and fall. Best of luck to all! **CTB**

20 TOTAL STAKES WINS JAN.1, 2021 – MAY 15, 2021

15 Cal-bred, **3 Graded (in bold)**, 2 Non-Graded Open (in *italic*)

Date	Horse	Race	Owner	Breeder
Jan. 1	Capo Kane	\$150,000 Jerome (Aqueduct)	Bing Cherry Racing, Inc. and Leonard Liberto	Rising Star Farm LLC
Jan. 16	Big Fish	\$200,000 Cal Cup Derby	Legacy Ranch	George Krikorian
Jan. 16	Brickyard Ride	\$150,000 Donald Valpredo Cal Cup Sprint	Alfred Pais	Alfred Pais
Jan. 16	Closing Remarks	\$200,000 Leigh Ann Howard Cal Cup Oaks	Harris Farms	Harris Farms
Jan. 16	Leggs Galore	\$150,000 Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint	William Sims	William Sims
Jan. 16	North County Guy	\$200,000 Unusual Heat Turf Classic, presented by City National Bank	Nancy Messineo and Bruce Sands	Edward C. Allred
Jan. 18	Mucho Unusual	G3 \$100,000 Megahertz	George Krikorian	George Krikorian
Feb. 21	Bella Vita	\$100,000 Spring Fever	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc.
Feb. 28	Fashionably Fast	\$100,000 Tiznow	Harris Farms, Inc., Per Antonsen, and John Nicoletti	Harris Farms
March 6	Brickyard Ride	G2 \$200,000 San Carlos	Alfred Pais	Alfred Pais
March 14	Leggs Galore	\$100,000 Irish O'Brien	William Sims	William Sims
March 21	Brandothebartender	\$100,000 Sensational Star	Flawless Racing, Brian Flanagan and Michael Jarvis	John R. Haagsma & Wesley Ward
April 3	Becca Taylor	\$150,000 Evening Jewel	Nick Alexander	Nick Alexander
April 3	The Chosen Vron	\$150,000 Echo Eddie	J. Eric Kruljac, Robert Fetkin, John Sondereker and Richard Thornburgh	Tiz Molly Partners
April 24	Brandothebartender	\$100,000 Crystal Water	Flawless Racing, Brian Flanagan and Michael Jarvis	John R. Haagsma & Wesley Ward
April 24	<i>Stalking Shadow</i>	<i>\$100,000 California Derby</i>	<i>Tommy Town Thoroughbreds</i>	<i>Tommy Town Thoroughbreds</i>
April 25	I'm So Anna	\$75,000 Campanile	KMN Racing	KMN Racing
April 25	None Above the Law	\$75,000 Silky Sullivan	Downstream Racing, LLC	J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison
May 9	Leggs Galore	\$100,000 Fran's Valentine	William Sims	William Sims
May 15	The Chosen Vron	G3 \$100,000 Lazaro Barrera	J. Eric Kruljac, Robert Fetkin, John Sondereker and Richard Thornburgh	Tiz Molly Partners