



## CALIFORNIA-BRED OPPORTUNITIES BEGET STRONG SALE PRICES

The current demand for quality California-bred yearlings was extremely strong at the commercial sales, as evidenced by the higher averages and median prices at the recent Fasig-Tipton September sale and the August NorCal sale. As depicted in the chart below, numerous Cal-breds are yielding prices of \$100,000 or more. In fact, 17 yearlings were listed as sold for \$100,000 or more at the Fasig-Tipton sale, with five Cal-breds bringing \$200,000 or more. Breeders/consignors are seeing the rewards for investments made with upgrading their stock. Cal-breds sired by top national and regional sires are leading the way.

The lucrative restricted racing and in-

centives continue triggering this increased marketability for well-bred and well-conformed Cal-breds. The in-state opportunities and potential financial purse and incentive awards for Cal-breds give a significant advantage to owners. If you are racing in California, you should definitely have some Cal-breds in your barn, both for the restricted purse benefits as well as for the multiple racing opportunities.

In Southern California, a Cal-bred can earn well over six figures just going through its first conditions (Cal-bred maiden allowance, Cal-bred first-condition allowance), in addition to the maiden bonus and owner awards in open company. And then there is the \$4.5 million

Golden State Series with restricted stakes purses ranging from \$100,000-\$200,000 throughout the state. Also, in Northern California, there has been a major focus on expanding the restricted overnight stakes opportunities, as we are expecting to offer a record number of Cal-bred maiden special weight races among Golden Gate Fields and the Fairs this year.

With such a high dependence on horses bred locally to provide the needed field sizes, this program and these opportunities not only need to remain in place but to continue to grow. We are now experiencing the positive results with a strong commercial and private sales market. As breeders continue to focus on quality, we should be able to build on these results. **CTB**

### Six-figure Cal-breds at Fasig-Tipton California Fall Yearling Sale

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Consignor	Buyer	Price
196	f	American Pharoah	Ez Indy	Lovacres Ranch, agent	Beckerle & Grey	\$350,000
10	f	Practical Joke	Miss Lavinia	Barton Thoroughbreds, agent	Jay Em Ess Stable, Brian Koriner, agent	\$300,000
83	c	Nyquist	Soul Crusader	Woodbridge Farm, agent	Classic Bloodstock, agent for Sasulito & Breckenridge	\$275,000
171	c	City of Light	Chicalelee	Excel Bloodstock, Bruno DeBerdt agent for PT Syndicate #1	Slugo Racing/Steve Gasparelli	\$260,000
30	c	Square Eddie	North Freeway	Fairview	Boomer Bloodstock/Radley Equine	\$200,000
208	f	City of Light	Gift of Glory	Fairview	Breckenridge Bloodstock	\$170,000
138	c	Grazen	Athina Lee	Critter Creek Farm, agent for Ken W. Miles & Sheridan Jones	Blinkers On Racing Stable	\$160,000
194	c	Distorted Humor	English Garden	Excel Bloodstock, Bruno DeBerdt agent for PT Syndicate #1	Eric Kruljac	\$150,000
79	f	Palace Malice	Smiling Cruise	Barton Thoroughbreds, agent	Legacy Ranch	\$135,000
218	c	Midnight Storm	Hasty Nic	Lovacres Ranch, agent	Thomas Halasz	\$130,000
102	f	Maclean's Music	Suzy Malibu	Barton Thoroughbreds, agent	Boardshorts Stables, Quinn Howey, agent	\$130,000
106	c	Stay Thirsty	Sweet Lips Pooh	Lovacres Ranch, agent	Mike Ryan	\$110,000
230	f	Stanford	Joyce and Me	Bar C Racing Stables	Slugo Racing/Steve Gasparelli	\$100,000
188	c	Cat Burglar	Ebony Cat	Barton Thoroughbreds, agent	Jay Em Ess Stable, Brian Koriner, agent	\$100,000
134	c	Stay Thirsty	Alseera	Lovacres Ranch, agent	Tom Beckerle	\$100,000
21	c	Stay Thirsty	My Fiona	Lovacres Ranch, agent	Naseer Fasihuddin	\$100,000
13	f	Mr. Big	Missippityslewda	McCarthy Bloodstock, agent	William Peebles	\$100,000