



## From the EXECUTIVE CORNER



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# SALE PRICES REFLECT DEMAND FOR CALIFORNIA-BREDS

The commercial sales in California kicked off very strongly this year with the recently conducted Winter Mixed Sale at Fairplex in Pomona. The results included significant increases in all key categories: gross sales, average, and median. In fact, the reported average of \$11,490, which increased even higher after several horses were sold following the publishing of the results, was the highest for this mixed sale in many years. While we were pleased with the prices of the more commercial breeding stock that were offered, it was the demand for the early 2-year-olds and yearlings that fueled the increases. (See the top prices below.)

This demand for young horses has continued the positive trends seen last year. Both the CTBA Northern California Yearling Sale and the Fasig-Tipton September Yearling Sale, held in 2021, were extremely successful, with major increases across the board.

As racing in California continues to become more dependent on California-breds, and the opportunities and rewards remain lucrative, the worth and demand should continue to rise. The restricted racing and incentives will continue to trigger this increased marketability for well-bred and well-conformed Cal-breds.

The in-state racing opportunities, with growing overnight purses and an extremely

rewarding restricted stakes schedule, give a significant advantage to owners. I think we have made nearly everyone aware that if you are racing in California, you should definitely have Cal-breds in your barn.

From a state breeding standpoint, we are now experiencing positive results with a stable annual foal crop and a strong commercial and private sales market. As California breeders continue to focus on quality, we should be able to successfully build on these results.

We are definitely looking forward to the remaining sales this year in-state: the CTBA NorCal Yearling Sale on Aug. 9 in Pleasanton and the Fasig-Tipton sale scheduled for Sept. 27 in Pomona. **CTB**

## Top 10 Winter Mixed Sale Horses

Hip/Type	Name, Sex, YOB	Pedigree/Cover Sire	Consignor/Buyer	Price
54, Two-year-old	Le Vron James, C 2020	Vronsky — Arousing, by Cee's Tizzy	C: Checkmate Thoroughbreds B: Dare to Dream/Don Calabria/John Crawford	\$85,000
94, Two-year-old	Prince Jimi, C 2020	Jimmy Creed — Following a Dream, by Tiznow	C: Easterbrook Livestock Mgmt. B: Sweetwater Trading, for Super Horse	\$75,000
105, Two-year-old	Aloha Chrome, C 2020	California Chrome — Honeymoon Cruise, by Archarcharch	C: Checkmate Thoroughbreds B: Jeff L. Bonde	\$52,000
38, Two-year-old	Stay in the Game, C 2020	Stay Thirsty — Tee Game, by El Corredor	C: Lovacres Ranch B: Bill Tomasic	\$52,000
126, Two-year-old	UNNAMED, F 2020	Gun Runner — Mahogany Lane, by A.P. Indy	C: Checkmate Thoroughbreds B: Ron Thomsen	\$42,000
122, Yearling	UNNAMED, F 2021	I'll Have Another — Light Striker, by Afleet Alex	C: Lovacres Ranch B: Dennis R. O'Neill	\$40,000
75, Two-year-old	UNNAMED, F 2020	Midnight Lute — Diamonds Please, by Mineshaft	C: H & E Ranch B: Marc West	\$36,000
81, Broodmare / Racing Prospect	Drizella, F 2019	Stanford — Tinderella (GB), by Royal Applause (GB)	C: Havens Bloodstock Agency B: Jeff Ganje	\$35,000
96, Broodmare	Grace At Midnight, F 2013	Midnight Lute — Rosie's Ransom, by Marquetry Cover Sire: Stay Thirsty	C: Lovacres Ranch B: Steve Moger	\$35,000
124, Broodmare	Madame Heat, F 2011	Unusual Heat — Chairwoman, by Corporate Report Cover Sire: Om	C: McCarthy Bloodstock B: PT Syndicate #1	\$33,000