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CALIFORNIA CUP OFFERS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES

The 34th edition of California Cup, the winter showcase for many of the top Cal-bred and Cal-sired horses in training, will be held at Santa Anita Park on Saturday, Jan. 13. Efforts by the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association ensured there would be **no reduction in purses from last year for the five stakes races on the card.**

The annual event, always known for large and competitive fields, will feature \$900,000 in stakes purses, with additional races carded for various levels of state-breds that will boost total purses for the day to more than \$1 million, exclusively for Cal-breds.

Besides the five stakes races for 3-year-olds, fillies and mares, and older horses both on dirt and turf, the day also offers races for Cal-bred maidens and first-condition allowance horses.

Cal Cup has proven to be a celebration of the resilient California breeding industry, providing lucrative purses for horsemen, great competitive racing for the fans, and enticing wagering opportunities resulting in healthy betting handle.

New this year is a fitting renaming of the California Cup Derby to the California Chrome Cal Cup Derby. It honors the all-time leading Cal-bred money earner whose victory in the 2014 edition was the springboard to a Horse of the Year campaign that included wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and, ultimately, a Hall of Fame selection.

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association appreciates the continued support of FanDuel TV for on-air promotion of California Cup, as well as acknowledges longtime race title sponsors City National Bank and John Deere. **CTB**

Purse	Stakes	Conditions	Distance
\$200,000	Unusual Heat Turf Classic, presented by City National Bank	4-y-o & up	1½ m. (T)
\$200,000	California Chrome Cal Cup Derby	3-y-o	1¼ m.
\$200,000	Leigh Ann Howard Cal Cup Oaks	3-y-o f.	1 m. (T)
\$150,000	Donald Valpredo California Cup Sprint	4-y-o & up	6 F
\$150,000	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint, presented by John Deere	4-y-o & up f&m	abt. 6½ F (T)