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## LARGE, COMPETITIVE FIELDS ALWAYS HIGHLIGHT CALIFORNIA CUP

The 35th edition of California Cup, the winter showcase for many of the top California-bred and California-sired horses in training, will be held at Santa Anita Park on Saturday, Jan. 11.

The annual event, always known for large and competitive fields, will feature \$775,000 in stakes purses, with additional races carded for various levels of state-breds that will boost total purses for the day to nearly \$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 proved to be a celebration of the resilient California breeding industry. It provides lucrative purses for horsemen, great competitive racing for the fans, and exciting wagering opportunities, resulting in healthy betting activity.

This year's Cal Cup will be the first held without one of the event founders, Donald Valpredo, who passed away in October. The Donald Valpredo Cal Cup Sprint is a lasting tribute to his immeasurable contributions as a breeder, owner, and former president of the CTBA.

This year will also feature the second running of 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-site promotion of California Cup, as well as acknowledges longtime race title sponsors City National Bank and John Deere. **CTB**

Purse	Stakes	Conditions	Distance
\$175,000	California Chrome Cal Cup Derby	3-y-o	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ m.
\$175,000	Leigh Ann Howard California Cup Oaks	3-y-o f.	1 m. (T)
\$125,000	Donald Valpredo California Cup Sprint	4-y-o & up	6 F
\$175,000	Unusual Heat Turf Classic, presented by City National Bank	4-y-o & up	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ m. (T)
\$125,000	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint, presented by John Deere	4-y-o & up f&m	abt. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ F (T)