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An impressive debut by **2 CALI DUDE** stamps the Clubhouse Ride gelding the one to beat in this 2yo statebred stakes. He dueled through a strong pace, shook off a legit pace rival that cracked and finished sixth, and held doggedly. Sharp debut by a 2yo that appears to have a touch of class. Favorites won this stakes the last four years at Santa Anita, the trend may continue if the 'DUDE can shake away from pace rivals to the outside. **1 CLUB ASPEN** is a live longshot, route to sprint after a compromising trip in a turf route stakes vs. open company. Running long for the first time, he was unsettled, unrelaxed, pulled hard in traffic, and only went evenly late. He benefits by the cutback to a sprint, and should start at a big number while dropping into a race for state-breds. **11 SQUARE DEAL**, who crossed the wire first both Calbred sprint stakes this summer at Del Mar, drops out of the turf sprint that race-2 contender Bulletproof One ran in. 'DEAL will be rolling late as one of the logical favorites. CHIPPER gave the top choice a battle while trying to rally along the rail in a tight spot. Good effort by the first-time starter.