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## AT CHARLES TOWN RACES



### Game on Dude Headlines Charles Town Classic Nominations

**Charles Town, WV (April 8, 2013)** – Two time Santa Anita Handicap winner **Game on Dude**, who is expected to make his next start in the \$1,500,000 Charles Town Classic (G2) coming up on April 20, headlines the nominations for the 1 1/8 mile test for older horses. All told, the 50 nominees have combined to win 60 graded stakes in their careers, including 16 Grade 1's, while banking north of \$32 million in career earnings.

Trained by Bob Baffert, the now six-year-old Game on Dude would be making his second appearance in the Charles Town Classic, having finished second in the 2011 edition. Much like he did two years ago, the gelded son of Awesome Again will enter the race off a victory in the Santa Anita Handicap (G1) – the most recent being a scintillating 7 ¾ length romp where he established a new record for the largest margin of victory in the 76 year history of California's most prestigious handicap. Game on Dude is tentatively scheduled to ship and arrive in Charles Town on Tuesday, April 16.

In addition to his top handicap horse, Baffert has 2013 Strub (G2) winner Guilt Trip and 2011 Cash Call Futurity (G1) victor Liaison nominated to the country's richest thoroughbred race outside of the Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup.

Defending champion **Caixa Eletronica** leads the parade of six Todd Pletcher trained nominees as he hopes to join Researcher as the only two time winner of the Classic. The versatile Caixa Eletronica, who has won graded stakes at 3 different distances ranging from 6 furlongs to 1 1/8 miles, exits a victory in the 6-furlong, \$75,000 Uncle Mo at Aqueduct on March 14.

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott has a pair of millionaires included amongst his charge, in two-time Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) winner **Flat Out** and **Ron the Greek**, who boasts 2012 triumphs in both the Santa Anita Handicap and Stephen Foster (G1). Ron the Greek was most recently fourth behind Game on Dude while trying to defend his Santa Anita Handicap crown. He has since posted a pair of works in Florida at Mott's Payson Park base while Flat Out's last activity came on March 30 when he finished fifth in the New Orleans Handicap (G2) at Fairgrounds.

Joining Baffert, Mott and Pletcher in the group of trainers with 3 or more nominees for the Charles Town Classic are Ken McPeck, with his trio highlighted by 2012 Travers (G1) winner **Golden Ticket**, Mark Casse with 2011 Stephen Foster winner **Pool Play**, **Prospective** and **Delegation**, the third place finisher in last year's Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1), as well as Chad Brown. Brown's **Last Gunfighter** won the Excelsior (G3) last out and sports a 5 race winning streak dating back to last year.

Others nominated to the Charles Town Classic include probable starter and Big 'Cap runner-up **Clubhouse Ride**, a pair of Grade 1 winners from the Mike Pender barn in **Ultimate Eagle** and **Jeranimo**, **Csaba**, who had his four race winning streak snapped in January's Donn Handicap (G1) and the last two West Virginia Derby (G2) winners – **Macho Macho** and **Prayer For Relief** – both trained by Steve Asmussen.

Nominations for the stakes on the Charles Town Classic undercard, including the \$200,000 Sugar Maple presented by CANTER Mid-Atlantic, close on Wednesday, April 10. Entries for the entire Charles Town Classic program will be taken and drawn on April 17.

There will also be a special post time for the 13-race card on April 20 of 5pm EST with the Charles Town Classic itself slated for 10:30pm.