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AT CHARLES TOWN RACES

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Game on Dude Hits the Track; Remains in Pursuit of John Henry

Three-time Santa Anita Handicap (G1) winner Game on Dude stretched his legs over the Charles Town oval this morning as he continues preparations for his title defense in Saturday night's \$1,500,000 Charles Town Classic (G2) at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Classic.

The seven-year-old gelding took to the track for a gallop right after the 9:00 a.m. morning training break under his regular exercise rider Dana Barnes.

While the gelding is attempting to win the Charles Town Classic for the second time, a victory in the 2014 edition would provide the son of Awesome Again with another milestone. Should he take home the \$1 million first place check, Game on Dude would break a long standing racing record and become the highest earning gelding in the history of North American racing, eclipsing John Henry's mark.

After closing out his career with a win in the 1984 Ballantine Scotch Classic at the Meadowlands, John Henry's career earnings of \$6,591,860 has incredibly stood as the standard for geldings for 30 years. However, with a victory on Saturday night, Game on Dude – who currently sits third on the all-time list for geldings – would not only surpass John Henry, but would also become the first gelding ever to break the \$7 million mark in career earnings.

Post time for the Charles Town Classic remains set for 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday night.

All-Time Money Leaders Among Geldings

1. John Henry - \$6,591,860
2. Wise Dan - \$6,473,610
- 3. Game on Dude - \$6,163,893**
4. Best Pal - \$5,668,245
5. Lava Man - \$5,268,706

Collmus to Again Honor Caras

Right before he ventures off to Louisville to call the Kentucky Derby as well as the rest of the Triple Crown, announcer Larry Collmus has another job to reprise – calling the \$1,500,000 Charles Town Classic for the third time.

Collmus, who was named the full time announcer at Churchill Downs after calling the Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes for NBC Sports since 2011 has also added the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships to his resume since his first Charles Town Classic call in 2012, calling both Fort Larned and Mucho Macho Man's Breeders' Cup Classic triumphs.

However, in returning to Charles Town, the Maryland native comes back to his roots where he first began following horse racing. One of Collmus' early inspirations was Charles Town's longtime announcer Costy Caras. Each year he's come back to Charles Town, the announcer who also calls the Gulfstream Park booth home during the winter, has paid tribute to Caras by calling the race following the Charles Town Classic using his distinctive vernacular and tone – a tradition he plans on reprising on Saturday night.

"I grew up coming to Charles Town and got to know Costy well," said Collmus. "After honoring Costy for the first time a couple years ago, I got so much positive feedback that it's become a bit of a tradition. I'm looking forward to it."

A replay of last year's race can be found at:

<http://replays.robertsstream.com/racereplays/replays.php?race=201304202258TWN13&cust=CharlesTown&t=1397753025&h=52d057aa3731762de5e654c33e5892a8>

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