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Game on Dude, California Contingent Arrive for Charles Town Classic

Charles Town, WV (April 15, 2014) – After starting his day in Southern California, three-time Santa Anita Handicap (G1) winner **Game on Dude** touched down in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia on Tuesday afternoon as the popular seven-year-old gelding looks to defend his title in the $1,500,000 Charles Town Classic (G2) coming up at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races this Saturday night.

The Bob Baffert trainee was one of 19 horses boarding a Tex Sutton flight in Ontario, California at 5:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time that made a stop in Lexington, Kentucky before touching down in Martinsburg, West Virginia a little before 2:00 p.m. local time.

Accompanied by Baffert's assistant Jim Barnes, Game on Dude was joined on his cross country journey by fellow Charles Town Classic probables **Clubhouse Ride** and **Imperative**. Clubhouse Ride – winless since last year's Californian (G2) – checked in second behind Game on Dude in the 2013 Charles Town Classic while San Antonio (G2) runner-up Imperative will be making his first career start outside of California.

After dropping off most of the flight's contingent in Kentucky, the three Classic bound horses were joined by 2013 Dwyer (G2) winner and Travers (G1) runner-up **Moreno** before continuing on to West Virginia. Moreno had previously vanned up to Lexington from Hot Springs, Arkansas where he was scratched from Saturday's Oaklawn Handicap (G2) and pointed instead to the Charles Town Classic.

Entries for the Charles Town Classic card will be taken and drawn on tomorrow with post time for Saturday's first race set for 5:00 p.m. EST. The Charles Town Classic itself is scheduled to go off at 10:30 p.m.