

CASETHERACE NEWSLETTER

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With 2012 in full swing it felt like a good time to offer up some information on horses we are anxiously awaiting to perform in the next month. Get your stable alert accounts ready to go.

BAFFERT LOADED ONCE AGAIN

Surprise, surprise, Bob Baffert appears to be loaded once again. This past weekend he unveiled a talented three year old colt by the name of **STIRRED UP**. In the paddock this colt had the look of a new comer that was going to need a race. Pre-race he worked up some considerable kidney sweat. After missing the break and taking the scenic route on the turn, this guy was unfolding a serious stride down the stretch to finish an eye catching 2nd behind a promising Marty Jones runner **ZACKN'MAT**. His huge gallop out and classic pedigree (by top notch sire Lemon Drop Kid, father of 2nd place BC Classic finisher Richard's Kid) makes this colt a screaming follow on the Derby trail. And Stirred Up is not the only Baffert runner that demands a follow. Three year old filly **MAMMA KIMBO** has commanded attention in her morning practices for Team Baffert. At Hollywood Park on January 7th Mamma Kimbo worked best of a team over fast maiden Salt Tequila Lime (ran 3rd in debut). She settled like a pro despite work-mate acting rank early on. Edged clear by a length to the wire and then went further clear out to the bottom. Baffert transferred her to Santa Anita after that move. On January 20th she worked in company with the aforementioned Stirred Up. It was clear Mamma had more natural speed than her stable-mate. Following that drill, Bejarano jumped on board this past Sunday when clicking off a serious 11.60 final furlong rally. Needless to say, this filly has done more than enough to be considered a precocious athlete. But that is not all she has in her corner. Hard to ignore that she is by the sire Discreet Cat, who seems to be passing along his brilliance to many of his children. Out of Bounds and Discreet Dancer are two Derby follows that jump off the page. Add to that, like her stable-mate Stirred Up, she is out of a mare that has produced three winners from four foals. Obviously there are more than enough signs to suggest Mamma Kimbo has the opportunity to be a serious runner.

TRIP NOTE TO PUT IN THE VAULT

Toby and I were excited to see MEGA HEAT score a nice victory off the mini break for the dynamic connections of Larry Zap and Pete Eurton. The outspoken bloodstock agent and soft spoken trainer have teamed up for some highly successful purchases over the years (She's Cheeky, Weemissfrankie, Euroglide, Hard to Resist to name a few). Mega Heat performed like his workout pattern suggested he would and got the win with the hardest working jockey on the circuit Joe Talamo guiding him to the wire. After doing the tape work on that race Toby came away with a high opinion of second place finisher from the Doug O'Neill barn **BOXEUR DES RUES** (by Smart Strike). This is a horse that has had high expectations since he was purchased. In the return race he gave clear indications of why the connections have reason to be hopeful. On the final turn he was

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placed four wide every step and capped that wide positioning off by floating about seven wide when trying to level at top. Once back on a level path he was finishing with grit and determination. Look for Boxeur to prove super tough in return spot.

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*workout info from Santa Anita provided by Toby Turrell

*workout info from Hollywood Park provided by Donald Harris

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