

Rebecca continues to love up the pan

We are just at the side of Fairchance Racing Service on Queen Street, Port-of-Spain and I am talking to Rebecca Sandiford, a vendor on the street for the past 22 years.

But more than that, Rebecca Sandiford, also called “Becca,” is the daughter of one of pan’s icons, Mc Keller Sandiford, better known as “Big Mac” of the Trinidad All Stars.

She doesn’t tell you that, but she is proud of her late dad who she said was a “good father!”

However, the topic this sunny morning is not about her dad, but her love, sorry passion, for the pan.

From the age of eight Becca has been loving up the pan, which today has become an obsession. She started off with the Blue Diamonds and has now migrated to Witco Desperadoes.

She is happy where she is with the Despers, but she reminds that she is a pan lover and likes pan music first and foremost. She is not into the die-hard loyalty thing.

What I like about Becca is that she is resolute and no nonsense; and, she has a sharp tongue to ward off any attacker, or disre-



Rebecca Sandiford, daughter of Big Mac of Trinidad All Stars. PHOTO: KEITH ANDERSON

spectful person.

“Some people feel because you are selling on the street, they could disrespect you,” she said boldly.

“But on the street you meet some wonderful people.”

But Becca will not give up the street for all the money in Central

Bank. She loves the energy.

She breaks off the interview to sell, or to respond to a greeting.

There are some things that worry her about the development of pan.

“I want to see more discipline in the panyards, and among the play-

ers. I also want to see professional management at the top level of Pan Trinbago,” the former St Joseph Convent student offers.

That’s not a bad wish, everyone will like to see that. But that seems to be far off.

Chatting with Becca you feel

her fire and indomitable spirit shine through. You get the feeling, “don’t mess with her!”

So if you see a woman dancing at a pan event and just having a great time, it is bound to be Rebecca Sandiford, the unassuming daughter of a pan great.