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Immortal Eyes Showing No Signs of Slowing Down

Charles Town, WV (April 17, 2014) – **Immortal Eyes** is one of the most decorated – and fastest – horses in the history of Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. At age 9, somehow, he has yet to even begin to slow down.

A winner of 19 of 49 career starts and \$1,038,882 – as well as 11 of 13 with two seconds at Charles Town – **Immortal Eyes** will be the marquee performer Saturday night in the 15th running of the \$50,000 Webb Snyder Charles Town Dash for 3-year-olds and up at 4 1/2 furlongs.

The race is one of six stakes on the richest card of the year at the track, highlighted by the Grade 2, \$1.5 million Charles Town Classic. Post time for the Webb Snyder Charles Town Dash is 7:45 p.m. EDT.

Immortal Eyes, owned by **Robert Abbo Racing Stable**, practically has owned the Snyder in recent years. He won in 2011, setting the track record of 50.09 seconds that still stands. He won the race again in 2012 and then last year rallied from far back to be a flying closing second to **Fearsome**.

In his tune-up for the race this year, after a five-month vacation, **Immortal Eyes** beat **Fearsome** by a half-length on March 28, getting the 4 1/2 furlongs in a time of 51.61.

Owner Abbo has been sick of late and trainer **Damon Dilodovico** would like nothing more than to send him a get-well present.

“Obviously with Mr. Abbo not doing so well in the hospital, any kind of good news we could send his way would be a big plus,” Dilodovico said. “He loves this horse to death. It will be sad not having him there, but if we can be successful and lift his spirits that would be a good thing.”

Dilodovico put a bullet four-furlong work (47.40 seconds) into **Immortal Eyes** on April 12 at the Bowie Training Center and said he expects his old charge to be dangerous whether on the lead or off the pace.

“He’s what we all dream about,” Dilodovico said.

Immortal Eyes biggest threat likely will come from **Star Harbour**, a recent private purchase by trainer **Joe Woodard** for owners **Billy, Donna and Justin Hays**.

While never tested at the 4 1/2-furlong distance, Star Harbour, a 6-year-old son of Indian Charlie, has beaten some extremely fast horses.

Last December, he defeated millionaire Jackson Bend and Bahamian Squall in a stakes race at Gulfstream Park, then finished third in the Grade 3 Mr. Prospector at the same track and followed that up with a third to the torridly fast Ribo Bibo.

In his first start for Woodard, Star Harbour crushed an allowance field by 4 1/2 lengths going six furlongs and Mountaineer Park.

"We got him up here and just wanted to try to get him in a race and gauge where he'd be in these open allowance races," Woodard said. "We thought he'd win. [For the Webb Snyder], we're a little concerned about that distance, but we'd figure we'd give it a shot."

Uncle Todd, a recent six-length winner at the distance for trainer **Kevin Patterson** at Charles Town; **Poison Apple** and **Wizwit** complete the field.

\$50,000 WEBB SNYDER CHARLES TOWN DASH

April 19, 2014

Race 7 – Post time 7:45pm EST

3&up, 4 1/2 Furlongs

PP. Horse, Jockey, Weight, Trainer

1. Uncle Todd, Gerald Almodovar, 117, Kevin S. Patterson
2. Star Harbour, Martin Garcia, 122, Joe Woodard
3. Poison Apple, Christian P. Pilares, 117, Mark Hubley
4. Immortal Eyes, Travis L. Dunkelberger, 124, Damon R. Dilodovico
5. Wizwit, Victor Rodriguez, 117, Gerasimos Moschonas

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