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Top Seed Albrecht Tackles Davis Quartet in Starter Tournament Championship April 11, 2012

(Charles Town, WV) – The Charles Town Starter Tournament, which started with 55 entrants for the quarterfinals on March 3, has been whittled down to the final 8 who will do battle for the top prize in the \$55,000 Championship this Saturday night at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. The Starter Tournament Championship is the culmination of the three round tournament, with contestants stretching out from 6 ½ furlongs for the quarterfinals to 7 furlongs for the semifinals and ultimately the 1 1/16 miles on Saturday.

Daniel O’Ryan’s **Albrecht** came into the tournament as the top seeded horse and lived up to his rating with a victory in his quarterfinal heat. He followed that up with a fourth place finish in the semifinals, which qualified him to run in Saturday’s championship at a distance he appears better suited to handle than his opponents. In fact, his 4 wins going longer than a mile over the last year total one more than his 9 rivals have combined over the same time span.

While he won’t have to deal with Azicharmyou, who Albrecht outlasted by a nose in the quarterfinals, he’ll have to deal with four horses coming out of the Scooter Davis barn who allowed Davis to sweep the first three positions in one semifinal and earn a victory in the other.

Of Davis’ four entrants, **Pure Rey** appears the best suited for the distance they’ll face as he owns a victory going 1 1/16 miles at Charles Town back on February 3. Claimed out of that win by Davis, Pure Rey will be trying to win his fourth consecutive start, which includes triumphs in both the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. In the quarterfinals, Pure Rey rolled to a 6 ¼ length win over **Run Fat Boy Run** and **Etched in Stone**, both also trained by Davis. Saturday night will mark Run Fat Boy Run and Etched in Stone’s first tries going longer than a mile and his fourth entrant, **Disco Indy**, is winless going farther than 8 furlongs since 2007.

While **Working Man Blues** hasn’t hit the board in either of the first two rounds, the added distance should aid his chances of upsetting the field. In his last start going 1 1/16, Working Man Blues streaked to an 11 ½ length win in January of this year and has finished worse than third just once in his last 8 tries stretching out over a mile.

C V’s Develen and **Go Maire Tu** complete the lineup.

The Charles Town Starter Championship is slated as Race 6 on Saturday night with a post time of 7:15pm EST.

\$55,000 Charles Town Starter Tournament Championship

April 14, 2012

Race 6 – Post time 7:15pm EST

Handicap, 1 1/16 miles

PP. Horse (Seed), Jockey, Weight, Trainer

1. Albrecht (1), J.D. Acosta, 123, Derek T. O’Ryan
2. Go Maire Tu (28), Arnaldo Bocachica, 117, Mark Shanley
3. Run Fat Boy Run (27), Jose Montano, 118, Scooter Davis
4. C V’s Develen (52), Elias Peltroche, 116, Ollie L. Figgins, III
5. Etched in Stone (23), Deshawn L. Parker, 117, Scooter Davis
6. Working Man Blues (15), Jesus Sanchez, 116, Marilyn G. McMullen
7. Disco Indy (8), Clifford D. Dooley, 123, Scooter Davis
8. Pure Rey (34), Oswald M. Pereira, 124, Scooter Davis