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## **Navy Chapel Tries to Get Back on Track in Sylvia Bishop**

**Charles Town, WV (August 22, 2012)** – **Navy Chapel**, 2011's champion West Virginia-bred two-year-old filly, looks to pick up the first win of her sophomore season as she takes on six state bred rivals in Saturday night's Sylvia Bishop Memorial at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races.

In five starts as a two-year-old, the Chapel Royal filly who is trained by Jeff Runco and owned and bred by Runco's Coleswood Farm, went undefeated against her own gender with her lone defeat coming against males in the Tri-State Futurity. Included in her four starts against females were three stakes wins, including a victory in the West Virginia Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders' Classic.

However, since the calendar turned on January 1, Navy Chapel has yet to find the winners' circle, dropping all four starts in her three-year-old campaign. Despite not yet replicating her two-year-old success, Runco offers up little in the way of excuses.

"The first race back in May, she got a little tired and then just got outrun in the last two," said Runco, the conditioner of two-time Charles Town Classic winner Researcher. "They've been some tough spots she's found herself in but he hope she'll bounce back on Saturday."

J.D. Acosta, aboard for all three of Navy Chapel's stakes wins has the return call.

Navy Chapel won't be the only homebred Runco sends out as the improving **Notayankeefan** makes her stakes debut in the Sylvia Bishop. Following an eighth place finish in a January maiden special weight where she broke through the gate, Notayankeefan hasn't been off the board in five starts, including two wins. Much like with Navy Chapel, Runco remains upbeat about his other three-year-old filly's chances.

"She's just doing really well right now. We expect her to be very competitive in there on Saturday night."

Jose Montano will ride Notayankeefan who breaks from post 3.

Defeating Notayankeefan two starts back was David H. Butts' **Rita Haywood**, who steps back into restricted company for trainer Debra Ketterman. After besting Notayankeefan in the April 21 allowance, the filly by Prized ventured into open company and has a pair of third place efforts in allowance races sandwiched around a sixth place finish in the \$75,000 Lady Charles Town back on June 30 to show for it. Outside of her race in the Lady Charles Town, Rita Haywood hasn't been off the board in 12 lifetime starts and figures to be coming off the pace under jockey Matt McGowan.

**Fear the Facelift**, third beaten just a neck by Navy Chapel for second in May's It's Binn Too Long Stakes, **Ok Listen Up**, **Nicknmina** and **Medaglia de Plata** complete the lineup.

The \$50,000 Sylvia Bishop Memorial is scheduled as Race 8 on Charles Town's Saturday card with a post time of 10:37pm EST.

**\$50,000 SYLVIA BISHOP MEMORIAL S. (WV)**

August 25, 2012

Race 8 – Post time 10:37pm EST

Fillies 3YO, 7 furlongs

*PP. Horse, Jockey, Weight, Trainer*

1. Ok Listen Up, Travis L. Dunkelberger, 119, Crystal G. Pickett
2. Navy Chapel, J.D. Acosta, 119, Jeff C. Runco
3. Notayankeefan, Jose Montano, 119, Jeff C. Runco
4. Nicknmina, Nicholas J. Milford, 119, Debra J. Ketterman
5. Medaglia de Plata, Sunday Diaz, 119, Alejandro Maymo
6. Fear the Facelift, Oliver Castillo, 119, Donald H. Barr
7. Rita Haywood, Mathew C. McGowan, 119, Debra J. Ketterman

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