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Running Aces hosts Trent Tucker & Heartland Poker Tournaments

Satellite Qualifiers held every Friday

Columbus, MN - Running Aces Harness Park (RAHP) will host two high profile poker tournaments in the coming weeks, including the 2008 Trent Tucker Celebrity Poker Tournament featuring former NBA great Michael Jordan. The event takes place on September 11 with all proceeds benefiting the Trent Tucker Non-profit Organization.

Running Aces will also host the Heartland Poker Tour's 10,000 Lakes Poker Championship November 5-17 with the final round being filmed and televised nationally. The Heartland Poker Tour is broadcast in more than 75 million homes in the U.S.

The satellite qualifiers for Trent Tucker's Celebrity Poker Tournament and the Heartland Poker Tour's 10,000 Lakes Poker Championship will be held Fridays at 1 pm and 10:30 am, respectively.

The Running Aces card room caters to all players' skill levels and to both sexes. It has 50 tables – 25 poker tables and 25 casino games. Running Aces deals blackjack, Ultimate Texas Hold 'em, seven-card stud and other games. In addition to the Trent Tucker Celebrity Poker Tournament and the Heartland Poker Tour's 10,000 Lakes Poker Championship, Running Aces holds dozens of weekly tournaments, including No Limit, Midnight Madness and a "Ladies Only No-Limit Hold' em" Tournament on the third Sunday of every month. Women now make up 35 % of the 75 million poker players in the U.S., according to Woman Poker Player Magazine.

If you're a new player, don't worry. Running Aces has a "Learner's Table" where experts teach novice card players the rules of the various card games dealt at Running Aces. The Learners Table is devoted to the game of blackjack every Wednesday at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

For more information about our tournament schedule or the card room, visit our website at runningacesharness.com or call the card room at 651-925-4569.

ABOUT RUNNING ACES

Running Aces Harness Park opened its state-of-the art card room on Monday, June 30 after its 50th day of live harness racing. The modern card room operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The only professional harness park in Minnesota, Running Aces opened on April 11 with four stables and 300 stalls. The track has all breed simulcast wagering on thoroughbred and harness tracks from around the country. RAHP is located at I-35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota - near Forest Lake. Call 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237) or go to www.runningacesharness.com for more information.

Running Aces Harness Park is a harness race track and card room owned by North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC, 50% of which is owned by Southwest Casino & Hotel Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Casino Corp. (SWCC) and 50% of which is owned by MTR-Harness, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTR Gaming Group, Inc., (MNTG).

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