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Running Aces hosts Trent Tucker Celebrity Poker Tournament

Play poker against NBA legend Michael Jordan & other celebrities

Columbus, MN - Running Aces Harness Park is proud to host the 10th Annual Trent Tucker Celebrity Poker Tournament on Thursday, September 11, 2008. The tournament begins at 7 pm with proceeds benefiting the Trent Tucker Non-Profit Organization, which has been dedicated for the past seven years to empowering youth to make positive choices, increase self-respect and develop a vision for the future.

This is the public's chance to play poker against former NBA superstars Michael Jordan and Charles Oakley. Other celebrity card players expected to participate include: Minnesota Viking Darren Sharper, former Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Flip Saunders, former Chicago Bull Ron Harper and Marcel Luske, *The Flying Dutchman* who has earned more than \$3.5 million in total winnings as a professional poker player. To earn a spot at a tournament poker table, the public can either buy-in at \$1,250 a seat or win one of Running Aces' \$80 satellite tournaments held Friday, September 5th or Sunday, September 7th at Running Aces Harness Park.

"We're very pleased Running Aces Harness Park is committed to helping improve the lives of our youth," Tucker said. "The card room at Running Aces is second to none. It will be a wonderful venue for what promises to be another successful poker tournament."

There are a wide array of prizes at the Trent Tucker Celebrity Poker Tournament on September 11, including \$12,500 cash; Timberwolves, Wild and Vikings tickets; a 52" Toshiba TV and more! The tournament is not limited to just card players. For \$50, people can mingle with the celebrities from the sports and entertainment worlds at Running Aces Harness Park and enjoy Hors D'oeuvres from Winner's Circle Dining and Lounge.

Running Aces is also one of the key sponsors for the Trent Tucker Celebrity Tournament weekend, which includes a golf tournament on Saturday, September 13. For the list of weekend events, go to <http://www.trenttucker.org/schedule.html>. (*Tournament specifics may change*).

For more information about Running Aces' satellite qualifiers, the general tournament schedule or the card room, visit runningacesharness.com or call 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 approximately 300 stalls. In addition to live races, the track offers all breed simulcast wagering on thoroughbred and harness tracks from around the country. Running Aces 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.

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