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PURSES INCREASE FOR 2010 RUNNING ACES MEET

Running Aces Harness Park will feature a new racing schedule and significantly higher purses when the Minnesota track opens for its third season this summer.

The state-of-the-art five-eighths mile facility, located twenty miles north of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, will present 51 live racing programs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. and late Sunday afternoon matinees at 5:00 p.m. from June 1 through August 28.

Purse projections call for a total disbursement of approximately **\$2 million in 2010**, with about ten percent earmarked for supplements to state-bred restricted races. The success of the 50-table year-round poker and casino games card room at Running Aces has enabled the purses to more than double from inaugural season levels. The average purse in 2010 will likely exceed \$5000.

Director of Racing, Gregg Keidel, advises that stall applications for the 2010 season will be available before the end of February at www.runningacesharness.com and will be due by mid-April. "I expect far more requests than we have available stalls," advises Keidel. "Preference will be given to trainers who have supported our racing program in the past, followed by new applicants with very high percentages of race-ready qualified horses."



Running Aces is located on Interstate 35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota near Forest Lake.
For more information, visit www.runningacesharness.com or call 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237).

Running Aces® Card Room and Harness Park is a cutting-edge 50-table Las Vegas style casino card room, with live summer season harness racing and year round full-card Simulcast wagering on Thoroughbred, Quarter horse and Standardbred horses. Located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, the facility is open 24 hours, 7days a week. Running Aces is located adjacent to I-35 exit #129 in Columbus, Minnesota, minutes north of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. The 250-seat Winner's Circle restaurant and lounge offers full food and beverage service. Banquet facilities and catering are available year round. Running Aces® features the **Aces Rewards Club®** that earns members rewards for complimentary food and beverages, merchandise, exclusive events, promotions and tournaments. Running Aces® is owned locally by North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC. For more information about Running Aces, please visit www.runningacesharness.com.

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