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**RUNNING ACES HARNES PARK
OPENING WEEKEND:
FRIDAY, APRIL 11 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008**

WHAT: Running Aces Harness Park near Forest Lake, Minn., will open to the public for live harness racing on Friday, April 11.

The only professional harness park in Minnesota, Running Aces Harness Park features a 5/8 mile oval track, outdoor seating, a full-service restaurant and bar overlooking the track with seating for 250, four stables with 299 stalls, live racing and daily simulcasting.

WHO: Featured Opening Weekend guests will include:

- Tom Kelly, former manager of the Minnesota Twins for 15 seasons, including two World Championships. Kelly is also the proud owner of a dozen harness race horses.
- John Pawlak, marketing director for U.S. Trotting Association and 30-year veteran of the sport serving as race announcer, publicist and PR specialist, as well as editor of *The Trotting and Pacing Guide*. Pawlak will conduct complimentary "Handicapping 101" seminars before the races on April 11 and April 12.

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Live harness racing will be held 50 days a year beginning April 11 through July 6, with races on Fridays through Sundays.

There will be eight races a day with 3 p.m. post on Sundays and 6 p.m. post on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. There will be a 3 p.m. post on two Tuesdays in June, the 17th and 24th.

WHERE: I-35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota - near Forest Lake

INFO: 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237)
www.runningacesharness.com

MORE: 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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