



**Press release
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Jump Jockeys dust off their footy boots in aid of Charity

Two teams of Jump Jockeys will be raising money after racing on Sunday 7 September 2008 at Worcester Races in the annual North V South Jump Jockeys football match. Proceeds from the annual clash of the weighing room will be donated to The Wayne Burton Fund. Wayne suffered a serious spinal injury from a race riding fall at Exeter last March.

Kick off will be 5.30pm at the Worcestershire course, race goers already at the track will be able to watch the match between the two teams of leading Jump Jockeys as part of their admission price.

Part of the fund raising activities during the afternoon at the races will include an auction, with a selection of “money can’t buy” lots on offer, including a morning on the gallops at Champion Jumps trainer Paul Nichols stables in Somerset, a course walk around Worcester racecourse with Gold Cup winning Jockey Richard Johnson, as well as a course walk at The Paddy Power Open Meeting at Cheltenham in November with 2008 Champion Hurdle winning Jockey Robert (Chocolate) Thornton.

Further auctioned lots include a Honda Shirt signed by Formula 1 driver Jenson Button and a behind the scenes visit to the Channel 4 Saturday racing TV program The Morning Line.

The match has also receives generous sponsorship from Cotswold BMW, Racecourse Group Arena Leisure who will sponsor the Southern Jockeys team and bookmaker Ladbrokes who will be support the Northern flag bearers. Further fund raising activities will include a raffle of prizes during the afternoon’s racing.

As well as in the saddle the likes of Robert Thornton, Mattie Batchelor and Noel Fehily have proved their valuable foot-balling skills in previous years in the Charity tournament and are expected to make a appearance for the Southern team next week, which will be captained by Sean Curran. Leading conditional Jump Jockey Brian Hughes will captain the Northern Jockeys team. Depending on his commitments Champion Jump Jockey AP McCoy is a further hopeful participant who will play in the fundraising event.

For further information and to buy admission for the entire race day, which includes the football match, contact: Worcester Racecourse on 01905 25364or on line at: www.worcester-racecourse.co.uk

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