



ELITE ATHLETE FIELD TAKES SHAPE FOR 33RD ANNUAL FIFTH THIRD RIVER BANK RUN

GRAND RAPIDS, MI (March 11, 2010) – Three top American athletes have joined the Fifth Third River Bank Run elite athlete field to compete for a portion of the \$91,500 prize purse. Dan Browne, first place (second overall), 2009 Fifth Third River Bank Run USA 25 km Open Championship (1:15:56); Josh Hartmann, second place (fourth overall), 2009 Fifth Third River Bank Run USA 25 km Open Championship (1:16:14); and Josh Cox, 50K American Record holder, 2009 P.F. Chang’s Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon, Phoenix, Arizona, will toe the starting line on Saturday, May 8.

“We have an exciting field shaping up for the 33rd Annual Fifth Third River Bank Run,” says Greg Meyer, Elite Athlete Recruiter, Fifth Third River Bank Run. “Browne, Hartmann and Cox are all extremely competitive athletes who will be battling it out for the number one spot on Saturday, May 8. Both Browne and Hartmann performed incredibly well in Grand Rapids in 2009, even with the last minute 25K course change and the hills it involved. I’m anticipating a highly competitive race the second Saturday of May!”

In addition to his 2009 placement at the Fifth Third River Bank Run, Browne (34) from Portland, OR also took first place (second overall) at the 2004 Fifth Third River Bank Run USA 25 km Open Championship (1:16:21) and first place at the 2007 USA 20 km Open and USA 5 km Open championships. Hartmann (29) from Eugene, OR lists other recent accomplishments as 3rd place at the 2007 USA 15 km Championships, 10th (2:15:27) at the 2007 US Olympic Trails Marathon and 6th place in 2007 at the Pan Am Games 10,000m. Cox from Mammoth Lakes, CA is a four-time Olympic Trials qualifier and three-time US National Team member. New to the Fifth Third River Bank Run 25K event, he recently took 2nd place at the 2009 California International Marathon and first place at the 2008 Rocket City Marathon (Alabama).

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