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Team Brunson Set to Dominate NBC National Heads-Up Poker Championship

With an extra day crammed into the calendar this leap year, March Madness strikes early. Before February falls off, the sporting world will zero in on a supreme heads up bracket battle.

/24-7PressRelease/ - SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, March 01, 2008 - Real sports fans won't be watching a bunch of college kids bounce a ball on some hardwood this weekend; they'll be engrossed in the explosive whirlwind of poker action that is the NBC National Heads-Up Poker Championship.

Entering its fourth monumental year, the NBC NHPC is expected to be more memorable than ever. The tournament begins on February 29, 2008, with a potent 64-player mix of the hottest poker pros and card-savvy celebrities clashing head-on in a series of fast-paced no-limit Texas Hold'em elimination matches. After six epic rounds, the champion will be crowned and awarded a hefty \$500,000 purse.

Fielding a star-studded team that is strong in both skills and numbers, DoylesRoom's Team Brunson is expected to not only fare well, but should also be in command all weekend long. Comprised of a vigorous roster featuring Doyle Brunson, Todd Brunson, Eli Elezra, Chad Brown, Gabe Kaplan, Sam Grizzle, and Shannon Elizabeth, Team Brunson has the acumen, experience, and talent to contend. With several team members having participated in past NHPC tournaments, the later rounds are already familiar terrain for Team Brunson.

A revered poker sage who has snared 10 WSOP bracelets and continues to be a dominant force and the most familiar face in the realm of poker, Doyle Brunson proudly heads the team that carries his name.

Following in his father's lofty footsteps, Todd Brunson regularly holds his own and has already landed a WSOP bracelet and millions of tournament winnings.

While winning his first World Series bracelet this year, the high stakes cash game specialist and former Israeli Army Lieutenant Eli Elezra demonstrated that he is as strategic at the poker tables as he was on the battlefield.

"Downtown" Chad Brown not only cashed an awe-inspiring eight times in the 2007 WSOP, but he was the runner up in last year's NHPC.

Despite hefty lifetime tournament winnings of more than \$1.19 million, Sam Grizzle is better known for his sharp wit and a short fuse that once caused him to get physical with Phil Hellmuth.

Television fans fondly remember Gabe Kaplan as the star of the 70's sitcom "Welcome Back Kotter", but his illustrious poker career dates back to the same era. He continues to be respected for his humorous analysis and knowledgeable poker commentary.

The radiant Shannon Elizabeth, who is widely known for her role in the popular "American Pie" comedies, is a seasoned poker player and in 2007 was the first woman to advance to a NHPC semi-final round.

For more information on Team Brunson, visit Doyle's Room, the only online poker room to proudly bear Doyle Brunson's moniker, at <http://www.doylesroom.com/>.

About DoylesRoom.com:

Doyle's Room (www.DoylesRoom.com) is the only online poker site endorsed by poker legend Doyle Brunson. Poker players from North America and around the world can compete for the biggest stakes on the web or sharpen their poker skills while playing Texas Hold'em and other popular games for free. With free poker software, lessons, tournaments, a slew of sit and gos, and all games available at all limits, Doyle's Room is the preeminent poker destination for real live game

play—online or anywhere.