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RIDER CHARITY GAME

Hundreds of spectators got their first glimpse of Kindersley's new arena Saturday afternoon before enjoying a charity hockey game that saw members of the Saskatchewan Roughriders take to the ice.

Approximately 800 guests filled the stands of West Central Events Centre for the February 18 game which capped the operational opening day of Kindersley's newest facility. Three hours of public skating and tours of the new arena were held Saturday afternoon followed by an autograph session with the Riders in attendance.

Comments were enthusiastic and positive as people toured the new facility, designed and constructed by Edmonton-based firm Clark Builders. It includes an NHL-size ice surface, 190-metre walking track, multiple meeting rooms, mini-stick area and six fully-serviced dressing rooms. The arena is fully wheelchair accessible.

Hot food, snacks and beverages were served up in large quantity throughout the day at both the main floor concession and second floor lounge which overlooks the pre-existing arena.

"We are very happy to have the new arena open for business and to be able to kick it off with a great event like the Rider Pride Hockey Challenge," says Kim Vogel, Director of Community Services. "A more formal grand opening ceremony will be planned for later in the year, but our first priority has always been to get the facility up and running for the benefit of our citizens."

Matthew Stimson of Eatonia was the lucky winner in the Ebay auction held earlier this month to be Rider Goalie. Other contest winners included Brent Goodwin and Travis McKillop who were voted into the Kindersley All-Stars team after winning submitting their names to the Kindersley Multi-Use Facility Project Facebook page. Youth Shaun Wildman had the honour of doing the ceremonial puck drop after raising a total of \$1,089 in pledge money for the Multi-Use Facility.

Other fundraising efforts also proved successful in general money for the new facility on Saturday. Totals earned are as follows:

- Silent Auction – \$1,930.00
- 50/50 tickets – \$822.00
- Shoot to Win Contest – \$135.00
- Ebay Goalie Auction - \$1,060.00
- Student pledges - \$3,479.00

When combined with advance tickets, gate admissions, and lounge revenue, more than \$11,000 in proceeds was generated on Saturday to benefit the Multi-Use Facility Project.

Photos of the event will be posted on the Town of Kindersley website (www.kindersley.ca) and to get more information about Multi-Use Facility fundraising, visit www.outoftheashes.ca .

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