



(L-r) Washington Capitals forwards Tom Wilson, Aaron Volpatti, and defenceman Connor Carrick prepare for a face-off during the Hockeyville NHL pre-season opener game between the Capitals and the Winnipeg Jets. The Capitals won the game 4-3 after a sudden death shoot-out.

Photo by Samantha Pyear

Stirling welcomes Hockeyville

By Christopher King

Kraft Hockeyville descended upon the town of Stirling-Rawdon and District for a second year on Sept. 14.

Hockeyville is a program that is awarded to the town that demonstrates its love for hockey and the ability of a community to come together to show that. Communities that win are awarded \$100,000 and two NHL teams host an exhibition game and Hockey Night in Canada broadcasts in the community.

Last year, the NHL lockout prevented any exhibition games. This year, however, the lack of a lockout allowed the Winnipeg Jets to compete against the Washington Capitals.

At the Stirling-Rawdon and District Recreation Centre, Kraft Hockeyville laid out the red carpet on the ice for the Stanley Cup. Four players, two from each team, attended a question-and-answer period before families took their turn taking photos of themselves with the cup.

Guests wrote down questions and the NHL players responded in person at the arena. The questions varied from the players' choice of video games to whether or not they would marry one audience member. They were asked about their routine and their favourite or least favourite parts about hockey.

"It varies Monday through Saturday. I lift sometimes... Usually during the whole week," said Zach Bogosian, defenceman for the Jets.

The audience laughed when Bogosian claimed that the worst part of his day was "getting dressed."

While the worst part of his day didn't seem so bad, he said the best part of his day was "walking around Winnipeg and people come up to me and say I'm their hero. It's been really humbling that way," Bogosian said.

The stack of question forms was thick and the community of Stirling-Rawdon had lots to ask the players. Their interest in every aspect of the game showed with their attendance and interest in the chance to directly engage with NHL players.

The bustling arena has the feeling of a big city, a lot more than 5,000 people that live in Stirling-Rawdon.

Jack Hewitt, vice-president of marketing insights and services for Kraft Canada, said he knows how this town exudes hockey.

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Yardmen presents capital event

Hockeyville finally arrives with pre-season game at Yardmen Arena

By James Wood

Hockeyville finally came to an end this past Saturday, marking the conclusion of a classic Canadian story.

Because of the NHL lockout last year, Stirling was denied its big-time game, which was supposed to have been the icing on the cake to an already successful Hockeyville. How-

ever, the town got their game this past Saturday night, and celebrated in style before and after the match.

The night before the game, a late-night party was held in downtown Stirling, with some familiar faces making an appearance. Hometown boy Mark Dobson, now director of pro-scouting for the Winnipeg Jets, was happy to be back in his hometown and to see the turnout for the Hockeyville event. "Outstanding" was the word he used to describe the whole series of events.

Belleville was also the recipient of some prodigal sons. Winnipeg Jets Eric Tangradi and Austen Brassard and Washington Capital Philipp Grubauer

are all former Belleville Bulls players. Tangradi played for the Bulls for three years, eventually making it to team captain. In an interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, Tangradi spoke about having many happy memories in Belleville. Originally from Philadelphia, Tangradi said he feels he can guide other Americans around Belleville as a Canadian would.

The game itself was a spectacle to watch and the arena roared with the noise of the crowd. The Winnipeg Jets and the Washington Capitals clashed for three periods, going into overtime with the score tied at 3-3. The game was won in a shoot-out, with Washington Capital Mike Green scoring on

Edward Pasquale, ending the game 4-3.

As the crowd left, players departed and ice cleared, the Hockeyville saga drew to a close. However, Stirling will continue to reap the benefits of being chosen as the 2012 winner long after the spotlight has faded away.

A cheque for \$100,000 was given to the community from Kraft to be used for upgrades and renovations for the Stirling arena, and the banner proclaiming Stirling as the champion of 2012 will hang in the rafters of the small-town rink for years to come. It truly is a good end to a classic Canadian story.

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Vineyard hosts festival in a different tune

Local food and wine make great mix with musical talent in Prince Edward County

By Kaitlin Abeele

The Rosehill Run Vineyard held the first Red White and Blues Festival on Saturday in Wellington.

The weekend-long event showcased local wine and food from Prince Edward County, mixed with great Canadian musical talent.

Lynn Sullivan, co-founder of Rosehall Run, helped organize the event along with owners from Huff Estates, Closson Chase, and the Country Cider Company. Each of the vineyards hosted a different wine, food and music event throughout the weekend. Organizers wanted to offer a different perspective on wine-tasting in an attempt to appeal to a broader audience.

"We got together and the idea was to have a blues festival. I like blues, but I really wanted it to be loosely defined blues for Rosehall Run, similar to what they do in Ottawa for their Blues Festival," said Sullivan. "That way, more people will get that feeling that they can come to the winery, that it can cover all types of genres, different experiences, and you are not just sitting with a glass of wine and listening to a jazz band."

Headlining the festival was Born Ruffians from Midland, Ont., along with special guest Cold Specks, who is originally from Etobicoke but currently lives in London, England. While Cold Specks has roots in blues and gospel, Born Ruffians, at first listen, seemed an odd choice to headline a blues festival.

"We got asked in the summertime if we wanted to play this winery show. It sounded interesting. You never really know what it's going to be like unless it's a festival that you know about. It's always a roll of the dice with mystery shows," explained Ruffian singer/guitarist Luke Lalonde.

While Born Ruffians might be classified as indie rock, Lalonde explained that he still has an appreciation for what he describes as real blues music, and how it does partially influence some of the



Photo by Kaitlin Abeele

Mitch DeRosier, bassist of the band Born Ruffians, uses both his body and hair to play bass on stage during a performance at Rosehall Run Vineyard on Saturday. Born Ruffians headlined a concert at the Vineyard as part of the first Red White and Blues Festival, along with special guest Cold Specks.

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band's own music. His own guitar solos have strong origins in old blues solos.

"I like some older blues...Lead Belly and Howlin' Wolf. I like the real blues, which is really a finite period in my opinion. When recording technology got too good, the blues started to sound really bad to my ears. It has to sound a bit dirty," said Lalonde.

The concert took place on a small stage nestled against the perimeter of the vineyard, while guests sat at picnic tables lit with tea lights and outdoor gas lamps. The overall atmosphere was of an intimate garden party rather than a traditional rock concert, set against the picturesque landscape of The County.

While listening to energetic melodies, guests tasted select pinot noirs and chardonnays in the tasting barn, along with appetizing and portable gourmet food offered up by local vendors. Slow Taco served up fresh tacos, while Pizza-Via! brought their own portable wood stove for pizza. Guests were also treated to Jamie Kennedy's Fries and cupcakes and other delectable desserts from The Pink Lunch Pail.

Sullivan said she hopes to make the event an annual festival offering great wine, food and music to the surrounding communities.

"We're really pleased with the success, we're happy with the people that came out and we hope that more people will get that feeling that they can come to the winery. Once we finish the weekend we'll get together and talk about it and figure out what went right and what went wrong and try to improve upon it for next year."

Drums echo through Madoc

By Lacy Gillott

The energetic beat of a drum could be heard in Madoc on Sept. 14, when the annual Drum Nation Festival was held.

Many vendors, cultural artists, performers and local residents found themselves reconnecting to the universe and lost in the sound of music.

"Music takes you and leaves you there and you're fine. To me, that's what it's about, no strings attached," said Saikou Saho, who was managing a vendors' tent while teaching visitors how to keep a beat, hosting drum circles and playing music.

He travelled from Toronto and spent the entire day devoted to those at the festival.

"Music is life. It's like the air you breathe."

The festival took place at a new location this year, still in Madoc, just south of Hwy. 7. Everyone said they were satisfied with the new location.

"This is the first year of this location and I think it's the best place for it," said Saho, who added, "From the beginning, I've been there."

The sound of interactive performances flooded the park and surrounding area. One of many memorable and cultural performances was done by Thomas Starwalker Clair.

"Each performance, although the same style of dance, songs or what have you, is still performed and we perform them as though it is our first time. This way, it has the same amount of energy, the same amount of flow that we project out to our audience," Clair said.

The crowd was very involved in Clair's performance.

Parents and children were dancing and having a great time almost as if he connected to each member of the audience.

"We know we're doing good when it comes back and you actually feel that energy from the audience's laughter or the joy from their eyes watching us, reflects back," said Clair.

Quinte welcomes Hockeyville

By Samantha Pyear

Stirling-Rawdon residents packed the seats at the Yardmen Arena on Saturday night as the Hockeyville NHL victory game kicked off between the Washington Capitals and the Winnipeg Jets.

The season opener, which was cancelled last year because of the 113-day lockout, came as a relief to fans who had waited so long to see the game they had worked so hard to win.

It was previously speculated that the pre-season game would be between

the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Columbus Blue Jackets, but fans were not disappointed. As people packed into the arena, it became clear the same excitement from last year's celebration was in the air.

Cindy Brandt, Hockeyville chair, recalled the moment on March 3 last year when, after receiving almost four million votes, Stirling-Rawdon won the title of Hockeyville 2012.

"When they announced it at the arena, it was packed, and people went crazy," said Brandt.

During the game, Brandt was presented with the coveted Hockeyville trophy.

When the game started, people in the stands went wild. Stirling residents had finally achieved their dream of hosting an NHL game at a local arena.

Fans cheered the Winnipeg Jets led the game with two goals scored by left wing Evander Kane. The Capitals soon struck back despite a goal scored by Winnipeg right wing Scott Kosmachuck, tying up the game 3-3.

Just over five minutes into the game, the Washington Capitals experienced

a nail-biter when Alex Ovechkin went down after being hit in the face with a hockey stick from the Jets defenceman Ben Chiarot.

Ovechkin made a quick recovery and headed to the dressing room, but returned quickly. Capitals coach Adam Oates said Ovechkin received a few stitches to the lip.

During intermission, the game featured an appearance by well-known faces Don Cherry and Ron MacLean. Cherry addressed the crowd congratulating them on their victory, and applauded their lo-

cal arena.

The Yardmen Arena had not seen a game of this calibre since 1993, when the Ottawa Senators played the Florida Panthers during an exhibition contest.

This year's game went into overtime after three intense periods. Following that, there was a sudden death shoot-out.

The game came to an end when the Washington Capitals' Mike Green scored on Edward Pasquale to end the game 4-3.

Fans jumped out of their seats as Green scored a wrist-shot for the perfect game-winning goal.

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To receive a chance to host Kraft Hockeyville, towns must first be nominated in order to campaign for the chance to win.

"There's a nomination phase, communities across the country get to enter their nomination. It's built around your passion and pride for the game of hockey," Hewitt said. "The passion in Stirling was unreal. Right out of the gates, they demonstrated that they wanted it, through community events."

The spirit and motivation in the town is part of a legacy of the late arena manager, Barry Wilson. Wilson, who died in the spring of 2011, was known for his commitment to hockey and the improvement of the arena. His death in spring 2011 stopped his own involvement, the village continued his work.

"Barry Wilson spent a lot of time in the rink. He put his heart and soul into it. So [the town] wanted to recognize the work he did and unfortunately he passed away... the new lobby has been built and the dressing rooms have been expanded and as a result of \$100,000 we've given and that's a tribute to Barry, a legacy that he left in the community," Hewitt said.

For Hewitt, the best part about Kraft Hockeyville is not about who wins, the festivities, or the NHL-level hockey. Hewitt said the greatest reward is the communities coming together during the campaigning stages.

"In a number of cases we've had communities that have amalgamated, seven or eight towns that have come together," Hewitt said. "Whether they win or lose... It united the community."



Photo by Samantha Pyear

Bringing famous faces to Belleville, Don Cherry and Ron MacLean broadcast from the Yardmen Arena. Cherry and MacLean addressed the crowd, congratulating them on their victory, and applauded their local arena.



Photo by James Wood

Washington Capitals star player Alex Ovechkin makes his way down the crowd in front of the Yardmen Arena prior to the pre-season NHL action.



Photo by James Wood

Washington Capital Casey Wellman and Winnipeg Jet Austen Brassard battle it out in front of the net during the pre-season NHL match held at the Yardmen Arena.



Photo by Zachary Shuock

Washington Capitals right winger Tom Wilson signs some merchandise for a few young fans. The Washington Capitals and Winnipeg Jets visited the area as a part of the Kraft Hockeyville competition.



Photo by James Wood

Eight-year-olds Lance Zufelt and Brady Allen cheer on the Washington Capitals during the pre-season NHL match between the Winnipeg Jets and the Capitals, held as the conclusion to Hockeyville 2013.



Photo by Christopher King

Sydnée Johnston, seven, shown with her father Cory Johnston, visited the Stanley Cup at the Stirling and District Recreation Centre. The Stanley Cup was on display during Kraft Hockeyville, which hosted an exhibition game between the Winnipeg Jets and Washington Capitals in Belleville.

City welcomes back Terry Fox runners



Photo by Joel Watson

Amy Karlin (right) and her brother Micheal Karlin (left) of Ottawa, Ontario are running together in the annual Terry Fox Run at Zwicks Park in Belleville. The Karlins ran for their grandfather who is dying of cancer.



Photo by Samantha Quinn

Amy and Michael Karlin attended Belleville's 33rd annual Terry Fox Run.

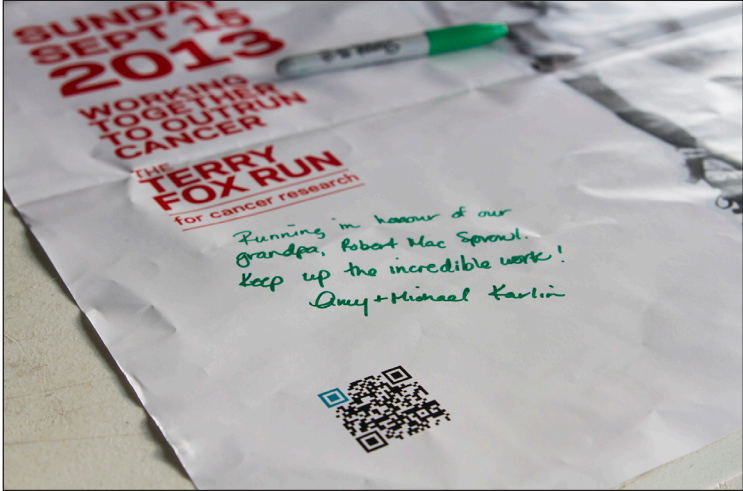


Photo by Brianne Ste Marie Lacroix

After last year's cancellation of the Terry Fox Run, there were many supporters who attended this year's event. Michael Karlin and Amy Karlin drove from Ottawa to attend in honour of their grandfather, who is terminally ill.

By Samantha Quinn

Families and friends gathered to celebrate Belleville's 33rd annual Terry Fox Run Sunday.

The Terry Fox Run was held Sept. 15 at Lions Pavilion Zwicks Island from 8 a.m. to noon as a non-competitive, completely volunteer-driven event.

At the end of the day, Belleville's Terry Fox Run welcomed 186 participants of all ages, bringing in \$9,000 in donations.

After last year's Terry Fox Run in Belleville was cancelled because of a lack of volunteers, Vicki Samaras took over as organizer of the event, determined it would never happen again.

"I hope for volunteers to get the word out to more people for next year to make it more of a tradition in the community now that people know it is back for good," says Samaras.

This year's Terry Fox Run received funding and donations from many organizations around Belleville, such as Reid's Dairy, No Frills, Fresco, Starbucks, Walmart, and Culligan water for items such as food, coffee, water, gift cards and money donations.

"This is our first year. When Vicki came out to do the run last year, there was no one here, so it was cancelled. She walked the route by herself as a participant with no registration. It was so disappointing," said Demetra Samaras, Vicki's sister, "After Vicki having a cancer scare herself, and losing our father in August 2012, she started doing the Terry Fox Run every year since 1996."

Cancer survivor Barb Lloyd and her family attended their first Terry Fox Run this year to

support Lloyd and honour her mother who passed away.

"I raised \$250 this year alone, but all together we raised \$865," said Lloyd.

Lloyd's family members came from Picton, Gananoque and Toronto, as well as places as far as Buffalo, N.Y., to be together for their first Terry Fox Run.

"I think that this year was so successful because she has been very vocal; she has gone to city council, local radio stations, nationwide on CBC, local newspapers, drumming up support on her website and Facebook page, as well as word of mouth," said her sister.

"I believe the Terry Fox Run will always be there because unlike other charities, people have a special connection to Terry Fox as an inspiration," said Samaras.

The City of Belleville also provided much support by supplying picnic tables and offering the use of Zwicks Island for the event.

"For next year, I hope to put out posters and more awareness, get better at knowing who to contact sooner rather than later, such as the college, so they can put it in their planners," said Samaras. "I also hope to get student volunteers to set up a booth in the middle of the route to provide water."

On Sept. 15, bells chimed at Terry Fox Foundation's Ontario head office in Toronto every time a run site called in with their earnings.

On the last chime, the Terry Fox Foundation celebrated raising \$22 million across Canada.

"This experience has been amazing, overwhelming, and one of the best days of my life," said Samaras after the event.



Photo by Samantha Quinn

Thomas Lloyd, 2, sits on his aunt's shoulders while his family walks in the annual Terry Fox Run. This was the Lloyd family's first time and they successfully raised \$865 towards cancer research.



Photo by Justin Chin

A woman runs at the Terry Fox Run for Cancer on Sept. 15 at Zwicks Island. This was the 33rd year the Terry Fox Run was organized across Canada. The run raises awareness and gives support to cancer patients and commemorates those lives which have taken away by cancer.