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The Boy who Battled; on and off the Ice

How one family turned their own tragedy into societies fortune

By Folasade Babatunde



The 2016 Calgary Bow Valley Flames attended Skate the Lake last January to support both a good cause and their fallen teammate, Jordan Feradi

Jordan Feradi's story and legacy began on the ice, a place where he and his teammates would enjoy each other's company through the game of hockey.

Eight year-old Jordan Feradi was known as a friendly and caring boy who, above all else, was crazy about sports.

Playing for the Calgary Bow Valley Flames, Jordan was known as a fierce competitor on the ice; although he, and in-turn his family, were also battling brain cancer off the ice.

In February of 2012, the Feradi family received news that Jordan had been diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) – an aggressive form of brain cancer in children.

During his 8-month battle, Jordan stayed positive and fought with one goal in mind – to win.

While finding different ways to overcome the cancer, the Feradis began with chemotherapy, among other treatments.

Some treatments reduced the size of the tumor, but others had little to

no effect – leaving the family searching for more accurate procedures.

The Feradis “travelled to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and Jordan became one of the first children to receive treatment through a surgical technique known as convection enhanced delivery, a targeted therapy that bypasses the blood-brain barrier and delivers a radioactive monoclonal antibody directly to the tumor within the brainstem” (cbbcf.org).

Although the procedure was deemed successful, it was not timely enough to halt the aggressive onset of the tumor. About one month later, Jordan passed away at the tender age of eight.

Despite the heartbreak of his passing, Jordan's contribution to finding a cure for DIPG continued.

According to the Canadian Children's Brain Cancer Foundation webpage (cbbcf.org),

“His tumor tissue helped researchers at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children shed new light on the genet-



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ic drivers for DIPG. The results from the study showed the distinctions between adult and pediatric brain cancers, which will impact how new drugs to treat DIPG are developed.”

Jordan’s legacy continues on today with the aforementioned Canadian Children’s Brain Cancer Foundation – an organization founded by Jordan’s parents, John and Shawna Feradi.

During Jordan’s battle, the Feradis said they experienced a lack of resources in Canada and were motivated to raise awareness, as well as finances, for childhood cancer research.

According to the CCBCF website, research for pediatric brain cancer is grossly underfunded, as big pharma funds nearly 60% of all drug develop-

ment, while just above zero-percent of all product specifically targets pediatric cancers.

In turn, research for conditions such as Jordan’s are heavily reliant on donations from private foundations.

In their efforts to improve the status of pediatric brain cancer, the CCBCF has raised awareness and made considerable donations towards medical research.

On January 24, 2016, the CCBCF launched its first awareness event and fundraiser; Skate The Lake, which was met with great success.

The hockey community came together on Jordan’s behalf, and it was a truly humbling experience for the Feradi family.

During Skate The Lake, the CCB-

CF played host to more than 300 attendees, and successfully raised over \$30,000 for pediatric brain cancer research.

With such an incredible turn out, it comes as no surprise that Skate The Lake will return in 2017.

On January 22, 2017, you can join the CCBCF at Mackenzie Lake to Skate The Lake and help raise funds to support pediatric brain cancer research.

Together with John and Shawna, we can support those who are currently battling, or may have to battle brain cancer some day.

“He went through quite a time and we’re trying to prevent that from happening to other kids,” said John Feradi.

A Look Thru the Lens – Dec. 27

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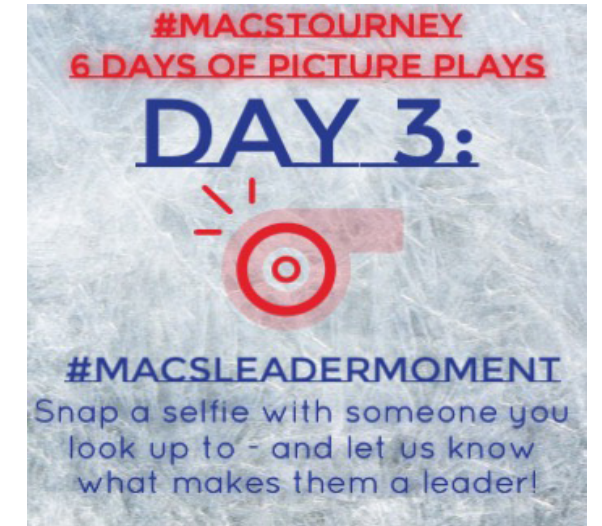


Standings

Male Division							
Pool 1	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Belarus National U17	2	2	0	0	9	5	4
Calgary Buffaloes	2	1	1	0	12	5	2
Regina Pat Canadians	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Arizona Bobcats	2	0	2	0	3	13	0
Vancouver NE Chiefs	1	0	1	0	3	5	0
Pool 2	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Cariboo Cougars	2	2	0	0	10	5	4
New York Jr. Islanders	1	1	0	0	8	5	2
Notre Dame Hounds	2	1	1	0	7	5	2
SSAC Boston Pizza Athletics	2	0	2	0	7	13	0
Calgary Northstars	1	0	1	0	3	7	0
Pool 3	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary Royals	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
Austrian National U18	2	1	1	0	7	5	2
Sherwood Park J Ennis Kings	2	1	1	0	5	6	2
Okanagan Rockets	1	0	1	0	2	4	0
Saskatoon Contacts	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
Pool 4	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Prince Albert Mintos	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Leduc Motors Oil Kings	2	1	1	0	6	3	2
Hungarian National U18	2	1	1	0	8	7	2
Calgary Flames	1	0	1	0	5	8	0
New Jersey Hitmen	1	0	1	0	0	6	0
Pool 5	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Foothills CFR Chemical Bisons	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
Greater Vancouver Canadians	1	1	0	0	6	2	2
Moose Jaw Generals	2	1	1	0	5	8	2
Alaska Oilers	2	0	2	0	3	7	0
Red Deer Optimist Chiefs	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
Female Division							
Pool 6	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Rocky Mountain Raiders	2	2	0	0	14	1	4
Westman Wildcats	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Vancouver Island Seals	2	1	1	0	3	11	2
Melville Prairie Fire	1	0	1	0	2	3	0
Kootenay Wild	2	0	2	0	1	9	0
Pool 7	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary Fire	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Saskatoon Stars	1	1	0	0	8	1	2
San Jose Jr. Sharks	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Fraser Valley Rush	2	0	2	0	3	10	0
Northern Capitals	2	0	2	0	2	11	0

Social Media

Each day from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, a new picture challenge will surface on Instagram. Every photo you share is another entry into the **GRAND PRIZE DRAW** at the end of the week! Plus, we’ll be shouting out some of our favourite submissions throughout the duration of the tournament. Make sure to use **#Macstourney** hashtag and the daily hashtag which will be advertised each day in the Breakaway



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MALE DIVISION – DAY 3 SCHEDULE

Game #	Time	Arena	Pool	Home	Visitor
21	9:00am	MB	2	Notre Dame Hounds	New York Jr. Islanders
22	9:00am	FDB	4	Prince Albert Mintos	New Jersey Hitmen
23	11:45am	MB	2	SSAC BP Athletics	Calgary Northstars
24	11:45am	FDB	5	Moose Jaw Generals	Red Deer Optimist Chiefs
25	2:30pm	MB	3	Saskatoon Contacts	Okanagan Rockets
26	2:30pm	FDB	5	Alaska Oilers	Greater Vancouver Canadians
27	5:15pm	MB	1	Calgary Buffaloes	Regina Pat Canadians
28	5:15pm	FDB	1	Vancouver NE Chiefs	Arizona Bobcats
29	8:00pm	MB	3	Calgary Royals	Austrian National U18
30	8:00pm	FDB	4	Leduc Motors Oil Kings	Calgary Flames

FEMALE DIVISION – DAY 3 SCHEDULE

Game #	Time	Arena	Pool	Home	Visitor
F9	10:30am	MB #2	7	Fraser Valley Rush	Northern Capitals
F10	1:15pm	MB #2	7	Saskatoon Stars	San Jose Jr. Sharks
F11	4:00pm	MB #2	6	Melville Prairie Fire	Kootenay Wild
F12	6:45pm	MB #2	6	Rocky Mountain Raiders	Westman Wildcats

MALE DIVISION RESULTS – DAY 2

Greater Vancouver Canadians	6	Moose Jaw Generals	2
Okanagan Rockets	2	Calgary Royals	4
Leduc Oil Kings	6	New Jersey Hitmen	0
Austrian National U18	2	Sherwood Park J Ennis Kings	3
Foothills CFR Chemical Bisons	4	Alaska Oilers	1
Notre Dame Hounds	2	Cariboo Cougars	3
Hungarian National U18	0	Prince Albert Mintos	2
New York Jr. Islanders	8	SSAC BP Athletics	5
Calgary Buffaloes	2	Belarus National U17	4
Arizona Bobcats	2	Regina Pat Canadians	3

FEMALE DIVISION RESULTS – DAY 2

Westman Wildcats	4	Kootenay Wild	0
Saskatoon Stars	8	Northern Capitals	1
Fraser Valley Rush	1	Calgary Fire	6
Vancouver Island Seals	0	Rocky Mountain Raiders	9



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