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BELLEVILLE BULLS' OHL EXHIBITION GAME TO SUPPORT LOCAL MINOR HOCKEY IN UXBRIDGE

Uxbridge, Thursday June 12th 2008 The 2008 Memorial Cup semi-finalists, Belleville Bulls, will play host to local favourites, the Oshawa Generals, in an official Ontario Hockey League exhibition game to be held at the Uxbridge Community Arena on Saturday, September 13th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

The game will be a centerpiece of the Uxbridge Stars AE Early Bird tournament being held in Uxbridge from September 12 to 14th. The game was put into the schedule at the suggestion of Belleville Bulls' Owner and OHL Governor, Gord Simmonds, an Uxbridge resident, and the Bulls' GM and Coach, George Burnett, both of whom grew up nearby in Port Perry.

Uxbridge Minor Hockey Association Past President, Bob Hubers, explained, "This was something that Gord and George had discussed with us in the past but this was the first year that the schedule worked out so perfectly. The fact that the game will be between two OHL East Division rivals and include Durham's own team, the Oshawa Generals, means we should be able to expect a capacity crowd. The proceeds will be used to support the work of the UMHA as well as two local charity organizations, the Ryan Waters Memorial Charity and Precious Minds".

Commenting on the initiative Simmonds said, "Many of our friends and family have become great followers of the OHL and interested in the success of both the Belleville Bulls and the Oshawa Generals. When you attend an OHL game, you come to recognize the outstanding level at which these young men play hockey. We are thrilled that our team will play here in Uxbridge and really pleased that the proceeds of the game will go to such worthy causes. Our own children have benefited from the strong support of the local minor hockey association here in Uxbridge. Hopefully, this game will show support to such a hard working group of volunteers that make it all happen for so many kids every year."

During the 2007-2008 OHL campaign, the Belleville Bulls and Oshawa Generals battled for first place in the Eastern Division. Both teams had success in the playoffs and finally met in the Eastern Conference Championships after Oshawa defeated Ottawa, and Niagara and Belleville defeated Peterborough and Barrie. Belleville prevailed as Eastern Conference Champions and then lost in a 7 game epic battle against the Kitchener Rangers for the League Championship series. The Bulls then represented the OHL in the Memorial Cup in Kitchener.

Fans will enjoy a spirited tilt between the Generals and the Bulls in a game in which elite junior players will be battling for the opportunity to play in the world's top development league. Tickets will all be general admission (open seating) and will go on sale by June 20th, 2008 for \$10 each. Tickets will be available at Foxbridge Golf Course (Uxbridge), Derek Smith Skate Sharpening (Uxbridge), Cartcon General Contracting (Claremont), the Belleville Bulls Ticket Office (Belleville) and at the GM Center ticket office in Oshawa.

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