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From front: Martin Parnell, Wild Rose MP Blake Richards and Kelly Kimmitt skate side-by-side on Jan. 19 at Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre during the 5th Annual Kimmitt Cup, which ran in conjunction with Hockey Quest 500. Both Parnell and Kimmitt garnered pink tutus during the game. The Kimmitt Cup managed to reach its fundraising goal, while Hockey Quest 500 set a world record. See page 7 for more on this story.

*Photo by Nenita Lindsey*



# Kimmett Cup/Hockey Quest 500 hit their marks

By Kathryn McMackin  
*The Eagle*

In December, Reid Kimmett said he and the other organizers of the Kimmett Cup wanted to “do something big” in honour of the fifth running of the pond hockey tournament. And, on Jan. 18-19, they did just that.

Kimmett Cup 5 saw 48 teams hit ice surfaces at Mitford Ponds and the Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre. It ran in conjunction with Martin Parnell’s Hockey Quest 500 attempt to set a Guinness world record for the most players in an exhibition hockey game.

And, in honour of Lindsay Kimmett and the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation, the tournament raised a significant amount of money for Parnell’s Quest for Kids and ultimately, for Right To Play International.

“The final count isn’t

in, but I’m confident we are nearing our goal of raising \$100,000 for Right To Play,” said Kimmett, Lindsay’s brother and one of the event’s organizers.

Each dollar raised will be matched four times over by Parnell’s partners with Right To Play, bringing the grand total to \$400,000. Parnell said that is enough to bring weekly sport and play programs to 8,000 kids for an entire year.

This is a cause Kimmett said he sister would love.

“This whole event, it’s my favourite (weekend) of the year but also the most difficult,” he said. “Everyone is laughing and having a good time, many people are here as a family. I always think, if she were here, how much she would love what we are doing.”

As for the Guinness world record, Parnell said he hasn’t heard yet if it’s

been officially set. But, with the record never being attempted before and by adhering to all of the Guinness stipulations, Parnell said he’s confident the record will be made.

“The whole weekend was unbelievable and thrilling,” he said of the fundraising effort. “The community of Cochrane, once again, stepped forward.”

The Hell Benders won the competitive division, while Oilers Suck won on the recreational side.

The funds raised between both the Kimmett Cup and Hockey Quest 500 will add to Parnell’s tally for Quest for Kids, in which Parnell is gunning for a grand total of \$1 million.

Parnell’s next quest, Kilimanjaro Quest 95.2, sees the marathon man travelling to Tanzania for March 3’s Kilimanjaro Marathon, followed by

guided trek up Kilimanjaro on March 6.

Traditionally, guided hikes up the African mountain take five days, said Parnell. He’s attempting the climb in 24 hours.

“This one worries me,” he confessed. “The elevation (more than 19,000 feet) issue and the possibility of sickness is concerning. Plus, the climb itself is a huge risk. I think there is about a 50/50 chance of completing it.”

For any additional information on the Quest for Kids, visit [rightto-play.com/canada/get-involved/Pages/QuestsforKids.aspx](http://rightto-play.com/canada/get-involved/Pages/QuestsforKids.aspx). To learn more about the Kimmett Cup and the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation, check out [lindsaykimmett.org](http://lindsaykimmett.org).



Clockwise from top left: Kimmett Cup participants play through the dark on Jan. 18 at Mitford Pond; eight-year-old Josh Mettimano shows his moves at Spray Lake Sawmills (SLS) Family Sports Centre on Jan. 19; goalie George Cowburn waits for the action to return to his end of the ice at the SLS Centre Jan. 19; from left; Martin Parnell, Wild Rose MP Blake Richards and Kelly Kimmett were all part of the action, setting a world record for most players in an exhibition hockey game at the SLS Centre Jan. 19; Kelly Kimmett helps clear the ice at Mitford Pond Jan. 18.

Photos by Chris and Nenita Lindsey and Derek Clouthier



# Kimmett committee says thanks

**Dear Editor:**

To our volunteers, our sponsors, our players, and our friends:

All of us in the Kimmett Cup organizing committee want to extend our deepest thanks for everything you did to make the day such a success. Together we raised \$100,000 for Right To Play.

Every dollar fundraised will be matched three times giving us a grand total of \$400,000 providing 8,000 children with weekly sport and play programs for an entire year. A monumental achievement.

Also, a very special thank-you to Martin Parnell and the Right To Play Club at the University of Calgary for partnering with the Kimmett Cup and sharing a common vision of improving lives through sport.

It takes a tremendous amount of energy to make an event like this happen, and it simply would not have been possible without all of you. As volunteers, your selfless gifts of time and willingness to dive in behind the scenes to get the real work done is a testament to your character.

For doing so much without expectation of compensation or recognition, we are in your debt.

As sponsors, your belief in our cause and commitment to your community is inspiring.

We hope the feeling of community is lasting and reciprocated, and we are proud to have businesses like yours call Cochrane and Calgary home. As players and spectators, you gave the day life. Congratulations to all of you for the memorable

games, and thank you for the great times together.

If you were able to attend, we would appreciate your feedback. Please find below a link to the Kimmett Cup survey which should take no more than five minutes of your time to complete: [surveymonkey.com/s/LZ76RDZKimmett](http://surveymonkey.com/s/LZ76RDZKimmett) Cup 5/HockeyQuest500Survey.

As well, we would love for you to share your Kimmett Cup photos and favourite moments on our Facebook page, Twitter or email ([kimmettcup@gmail.com](mailto:kimmettcup@gmail.com)).

Thank you in advance for your input, as we continue working to make the Kimmett Cup bigger and better each year.

**Jason Baserman,**  
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Kimmett Cup

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