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Fury Family Fun Night Opens 2008 Season With A Splash

As the 2008-2009 Hockey Season gets set to start, the Chicago Fury opened their doors at the Arctic Ice Arena for the second annual **Fury Family Fun Night** Friday August 15th as the club's families and friends enjoyed a great night of fun and entertainment. Fury Family Fun Night has proved to be a great way for all the families in the club to meet one another and get to know all the people who help make the Fury Hockey possible each year. Chicago Fury President Marc Kapsalis had this to say when asked to comment about the event, "The Fury Family Fun Night has become a great way for us to kick off each Fury season. It is important that our Fury customers feel we are a family and that we can all have fun together. It was great to see kids dunking their coaches, the Tomahawk game and the Coaches get beat by our Majors. I know everyone I spoke with had a lot of fun. The event was only possible because of the great team of people that helped plan and organize it. The team was led by Diane Sakellaropoulos and Erin Malinowski with contributions from Rink Manager John Stevens, the rink staff and of course, all of our Fury volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helped for all of your efforts!"



2008 Fury Family Fun Night Begins at Arctic Ice Arena

With perfect weather on the August afternoon, U16 Head Coach and Club President Marc Kapsalis (left) and Fury Midget Major Head Coach Nick Pollos (right) climbed into the Dunk Tank to help raise money for the club and the Tomahawks Hockey Program. With an opportunity for players and parents to test their pitching arms, both Kapsalis and Pollos made several big splashes in the tank to say the least. "It got pretty cold in that tank after a while" Pollos said. "There was some funny stuff going on cause if the people missed with the balls, they could donate a couple of extra bucks and just hit the lever with their hands to dunk us. At the end of the day, that's what it's all about though, having fun and raising some money. It was great."



"WOW that was cold!"



"Splish Splash I Was takin a bath"

As the evening went on, the action moved inside the Arctic Ice Arena as the Fury Girls 14U Team skated in a fun exhibition with the Tomahawks Hockey Program. The game was a pleasure to watch as the players skated up and down the ice working together, having some fun and bringing the crowd to their feet on several occasions. To see the excitement on the players faces was priceless.

Following the Girls / Tomahawks game, the Fury Major Midgets laced up the skates to take on the Fury Coaches and a few friends in the second annual Midgets vs. Coaches game. Last year the coaches skated away with a 6-5 victory over the midgets, despite some questionable time keeping operators, would this year be a repeat? With the coaches doing some recruiting this year, their roster included current pro players Greg Rallo (Manitoba Moose AHL), Brian Bicek (Elmira ECHL) and college player Andy Cankar (Wisconsin-Stevens Point), they were planning for another victory. The Major Midgets on the other hand were poised for redemption as they came out fired up and ready. The midgets opened up a 3-0 lead early on the coaches but the coaches came back to even the score. The game continued to be a

back and forth contest as the final minutes approached. The coaches seemed to show their lack of conditioning late in the game (surprise, surprise) as the midgets turned up the tempo. With the score tied in the final seconds, a mystery penalty was called on the coaches giving the midgets a penalty shot, which they capitalized on and took the lead 7-6. However, at the buzzer, the coaches were awarded a penalty shot of their own which would have given them victory however they could not convert and the midgets went on to win the game despite some interesting officiating to say the least.



Fury Girls 19U Coach Chuck Rahn and 95 Coach Matt Noga beg for a line change as 96 Head Coach and goalie Dana Bannerman looks on wondering, "Where is everyone going?"

The Chicago Fury Board of Directors would like to thank all the families, players, volunteers, sponsors and rink personnel for being a part of the 2nd Annual **Fury Family Fun Night**. The Fury looks forward to an exciting and rewarding season.