



Dear Hockey Community:

Here is an update to Derek Zike's condition as of February 4, 2009.

Derek passed his swallow test today and the nurses fled to get him his Strawberry Smoothie from Panera Bread! Robin and Mike say he has had 3 good days in a row and they are thrilled. He has been breathing on his own now for 2 days. Derek has been sitting up more and more and does 30 minutes of "Rehab Boot Camp" in a wheel chair daily. His lungs have been given an A+.

Derek was thrilled his team won both games this past weekend and wants his team to "focus and work hard" down the stretch! Coach Kap was not surprised to hear these words out of Derek!

The prognosis continues to be a question mark, Mike and Robin heard that it can take a full 9 months for all the swelling to come down, so they are patient and hopeful.

Thanks for all your support and prayers and don't forget to email your friends and family and direct them to the Fury website, where there is information about the Benefit on 2-13 and ways to contribute to Derek's Trust Fund.

Any items which you wish to donate to the silent auction may be sent to:

Arctic Ice Arena
c/o John Stevens
Zike Benefit
10700 West 160th Street
Orland Park, IL 60467

Received items will be stored in a secure location until the auction and benefit commence on the 13th.

The information discussing how families may contribute to the fund is located on the Fury website (www.chicagofury.com) and

click the link entitled, "Contribution Information for Derek Zike".

Please return frequently to the Chicago Fury website for updates on Derek's condition and information regarding the benefit on February 13, 2009.

Thank you for your thoughts and concerns and please keep your prayers coming.

The Chicago Fury