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Winners of #TeamStaal2016 Announced

Thunder Bay, ON - It has been one of this Spring's most talked about events across Northwestern Ontario. Today, organizers with the Northern Cancer Fund of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation were delighted to recognize the efforts of 20 kids who did an exceptional job fundraising to earn a spot on #TeamStaal2016. As of today, \$44,181 was raised for the Northern Cancer Fund; an amount that far surpassed expectation.

"I'm still in disbelief over the tremendous commitment of the contestants in raising these funds," said Glenn Craig, President & CEO, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation. "Each and every one of them deserves special recognition for their spirit and enthusiasm in this contest. My sincere congratulations goes out to each child, his or her family and all those who pledged in support of them. All the funds raised from this contest will stay in Northwestern Ontario to support exceptional cancer care and I hope each contestant is proud of what they have accomplished for our community."

"The dollars raised through the Team Staal 2016 Challenge is just incredible. Our family is blown away by the grand total. It's awesome to see such a dedicated group of kids rallying the community to support such a great cause. We look forward to meeting our draft picks and can't wait to face off out at Whitewater Golf Club this July at the first ever Pandora Intercity Summer Classic. With all of the road hockey skills shown off in the Team Staal 2016 Challenge, I think the game is going to be absolutely epic," said Eric Staal.

The top 3 fundraisers as of this morning at 9 a.m. were guaranteed a spot on #TeamStaal2016.

They are:

Thomas Stadey, who raised \$6508.50

Steven Stadey, who raised \$6508.50

and

R.J. MacMinn, who raised \$6425.



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The two remaining spots on #TeamStaal2016 were randomly drawn this afternoon at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, and broadcast live on the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation's Facebook page. The remaining 17 contestants earned ballots for each \$20 they raised.

The final two players on #TeamStaal2016 are:

Jackson Elliott, who raised \$5959

and

William Seaberg, who raised \$3240.70

Each player selected will play in the road hockey game of a lifetime in the Pandora Intercity Summer Classic on July 11, 2016 at Whitewater Golf Club, as part of the Opening Day activities of the Staal Foundation Open, presented by Tbaytel.

"The Team Staal 2016 Challenge is what the Staal Foundation Open is all about. A big round of applause to all of the kids entering the contest and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation. The Staal Foundation Open is much more than just a golf event. It's about community and this challenge is such a great example; families, neighbours, and businesses all coming together to, not only support these kids, to have a once in a lifetime opportunity to play with their hockey heroes, but all dollars raised supporting much needed services through the Northern Cancer Fund," said Scott Smith, Executive Director of the Staal Foundation Open.

"We were so impressed by the creativity and skill shown in the initial video submissions for this contest," concluded Craig. "I can't wait to watch #TeamStaal2016 play in a month!"

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