



Former NHL Stars Mike Commodore and Ray Whitney Announced to Play in the Graham Slam Celebrity Exhibition Match

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Saskatoon, SK (May 24, 2016) – The Graham & Ruby DeLaet Foundation and SportBox Entertainment Group announced today that former NHL Stars Mike Commodore and Ray Whitney will join fellow NHL alumnus Theo Fleury and PGA TOUR golfer Graham DeLaet in the Graham Slam Celebrity Exhibition Match. The Graham Slam event is part of the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada’s SIGA Dakota Dunes Open tournament week.

Graham Slam will kick off the event week on Monday, June 20th, followed by the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open Official Pro-Am on Tuesday, June 21st and four rounds of professional golf from Thursday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 26th. The Match will see Fleury, Commodore, Whitney, and DeLaet compete in an exclusive “no ropes” exhibition golf match, cocktail reception, and live concert. Fleury’s country music band, The Death Valley Rebels, will headline the concert, which will be opened by a Whitecap First Nation’s cultural performance. This intimate experience, held at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links and the Dakota Dunes Casino, will give attendees a rare opportunity to interact with the four celebrities throughout the entire day.

“I am looking forward to bringing this great group of players and three incredible people to my home province for our event,” said DeLaet. “I have always admired Ray, who has had such an amazing career in the NHL, and to have him be a part of the event is huge. Commie was also someone I really wanted to include in Graham Slam, and I’m sure he will make the day a lot of fun for the spectators!”

Over his 14 year tenure in the NHL, Commodore played for seven NHL teams, winning the Stanley Cup with the Carolina Hurricanes in 2006. In addition to playing with the Hurricanes, Commodore also played for the New Jersey Devils, Calgary Flames, Ottawa Senators, Columbus Blue Jackets, Tampa Bay Lightning, and Detroit Red Wings. In 2007, Commodore was selected to play as part of Team Canada in the World Championships in Moscow, where the Canadians took home the gold medal.

Commodore, a Fort Saskatchewan, AB native and long-time friend of DeLaet stated, “It is an honour to participate in a tournament that benefits such a great cause, and gives back to the Saskatchewan community. I’ve played golf many times with Graham, and I am looking forward to getting back out there with Ray and Theo.”

Joining DeLaet, Fleury and Commodore is two-time NHL All-Star Ray Whitney, who, like Commodore, is a native of Fort Saskatchewan, AB. Over his 20 year career in the NHL, Whitney represented Canada at the World Championships four times, and played over 1,000 games for the San Jose Sharks, Edmonton Oilers, Florida Panthers, Columbus Blue Jackets, Detroit Red Wings, Carolina Hurricanes, Phoenix Coyotes, and Dallas Stars.

This will also not be the first time Whitney and Commodore play side by side; the pair won the Stanley Cup together in Carolina.

“I have always loved Saskatchewan and the people there, so I am excited to come back to what should be a great event,” said Whitney. “I really look up to what Graham and Ruby are doing with their Foundation, so I’m proud to support them and be a part of this day.”



As the driving force behind the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open & Graham Slam, the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation will use the overall event week as a platform to raise funds for a much needed pediatric ambulance for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, to improve children's health and wellness across the province.

In an effort to continue raising funds through the event, The Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation are also pleased to release the Graham Slam Celebrity Caddie Package. Proceeds from the Graham Slam Celebrity Caddie Package will benefit the event's official local charity, The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, while providing an opportunity for individuals to caddie for one of the celebrities in the Graham Slam Exhibition Match. The Caddie Package will provide the ultimate 'inside the ropes' experience throughout the Graham Slam Exhibition Match, and includes: a Puma Golf polo, a Puma Golf hat, two full-day passes to the Graham Slam Celebrity Exhibition Match, Reception (including food and beverage) and Live Concert, and most importantly, the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with a Graham Slam celebrity.

For additional information regarding the Caddie Package or to learn more about how you can get involved, contact our Manager of Event Partnerships, McKenzie Clarke at mclarke@sportboxgroup.com or (647) 468-3500.

SIGA Dakota Dunes Open and Graham Slam passes are now on-sale and can be purchased online at www.dakotadunesopen.com/passes-packages/

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About the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open & Graham Slam

The 9th edition of the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open will once again be held on the challenging Dakota Dunes Golf Links. Over the years, the tournament has established its roots in the community and become one of the key events in the province during the summer schedule. Moving forward, the event has partnered with the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation. With Graham DeLaet and his Foundation as the driving force, the event will raise funds to improve children's health and wellness in Saskatchewan, while integrating a community-centric focus. Beginning in 2016, the Graham Slam Celebrity Exhibition Match will be added to the Monday of event week, acting as the official kick-off to the tournament.

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About the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation

Graham and his wife Ruby have a long-standing support of children's health and junior golf. Since 2011, the Graham DeLaet Charity Golf Tournament has supported Saskatchewan-based organizations, such as Golf Saskatchewan, the Weyburn & District Hospital Foundation, The Children's Hospital Foundation of SK, and the Saskatchewan Ronald McDonald House. The 2014, launch of the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation became the umbrella brand that drives the DeLaet's charitable efforts across Canada and the United States. The mission of the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation is focused on improving the health and wellness of children, as well as supporting the development of junior golfers at all stages.

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