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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS DEVELOPMENT COACH TYLER WRIGHT COMPLETES SUBARU IRONMAN CANADA, RAISES NEARLY \$40,000 FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST PEDIATRIC CANCER

Blue Jackets Foundation continues to accept donations in honor of Wright's accomplishment

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Former Blue Jackets player and current development coach Tyler Wright completed the 2010 Subaru Ironman Canada in Penticton, British Columbia yesterday and raised nearly \$40,000 to support the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation's fight against pediatric cancer. As a first-time Ironman participant, Wright completed the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run in 12 hours, 29 minutes, 59 seconds.

Supporters wishing to contribute in honor of Wright's accomplishment may still do so by visiting www.BlueJacketsFoundation.org to make an online, tax-deductible donation.

Tyler Wright's Race to Fight Pediatric Cancer presented by BlackBerry and Trek Bicycle Stores of Columbus enabled Wright to use his personal challenge as a fundraising vehicle to commemorate the Blue Jackets Foundation's 10th season of giving. As the founder of the Hats For Heroes program 10 years ago, Tyler has been instrumental in helping the Foundation raise over \$1 million for the cause.

"This journey has been one of the greatest challenges and most rewarding experiences of my life," said Wright after the race. "My months of training and 12 ½ hours on the race course were an amazing personal accomplishment, but its nothing compared to the fight these kids and their families face everyday. Words can hardly describe how grateful I am to everyone who supported me – my family, my sponsors at Blackberry and Trek, and each individual who gave whatever they could to help us raise almost \$40,000."

The fight against pediatric cancer remains the Blue Jackets Foundation's signature focus for much of its fundraising, programming, and grant-making efforts. Dollars raised currently fund a variety of support programs for pediatric cancer patients and their families, critical research projects and assistance in providing palliative care to young victims.

Since its inception 10 years ago, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$3 million in community grants to non-profit organizations that serve the Foundation's main pillars of giving: pediatric cancer; education; children's health and safety; and the development of youth and amateur hockey. For information on the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation, visit www.BlueJacketsFoundation.org.

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