

Editorial ? Ritchie Bros. helped put on a great show

There's no denying that just about everyone who attended the screening of Sunday's World Cup final at Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers in Bolton had a great time.

Granted, those who were cheering for Germany probably had a better time than those who were pulling for Argentina, but it is reality that when it comes to athletic competitions like the World Cup, there can be only one winning side, and the rooters for the other clubs have to feel some frustration at the end.

The folks at Ritchie Bros. can only take part of the credit for it being such a good time. Everyone lucked out in being able to watch a good, close soccer game that went down to the final second. No matter which side one might be on, there's always something of a let down when such an anticipated match turns into a rout. Such was certainly not the case Sunday. Be in no doubt that there was a lot of tension in the room until the issue was finally decided. And everyone was lucky that the winning goal by Mario Gotze, that came late in extra time, was pretty much a thing of beauty, as opposed to a fluke.

But the rest of the bows are rightly to be taken by the people who hosted the community at their splendid facility, along with the other local businesses that supplied food, coffee the sound system, prizes, etc.

As well, two worthy community organization are going to benefit from the effort. Joe Lampkin, operations manager for Ritchie Bros., reported the effort raised \$4,500, that will be split between the Bolton Wanderers' Soccer Club and Caledon Community Services. And he was also quick to offer thanks to all those who sponsored the event, donated prizes, etc.

It was another of many examples of groups in the community coming through for the benefit of that community, and much thanks goes to all of them.

The Germans weren't the only winners Sunday.