

Faceoff to Fight Cervical Cancer attracts crowd in Bolton

By Bill Rea

It was men against women in a fast-paced hockey match Friday night, with the men notching the win.

There were few scowls, as the whole thing was for a good cause, and it raised more than \$5,000 to fight cervical cancer.

The match featured the Brampton Thunder women's hockey team against a group of all-stars from the Sunday Night Junior Men's Hockey League. It was presented by We Are Creative Inc., in cooperation with Tealpower, which is a cervical cancer awareness charity.

The name Tealpower was coined by Alison Salinas, who was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2013, when she was 32. Her efforts to raise awareness of the disease continued until she lost her battle in November.

Tealpower was co-founded by Salinas' partner Tyler Puley. He said the charity has raised some \$40,000 since January, with all the funds going to the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

?'This is an amazing team out there,?' he said. ?It's great to see the support in Bolton.?'

The Thunder opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Jess Jones from Jamie Lee Rattray.

The teams traded two goals each in the second period to leave the Thunder still up by one.

Captain Jody Spagnol connected for the All Stars from Brent Spagnol, then Mike Horsley scored from Jody Spagnol, while the Thunder benefitted from unassisted markers from Sarah Edney and Liz Knox.

The men tied things up with in the third when Mark Andreoli scored from Daryll Simpson and Craig Shaw, then went ahead when Derek Cleary set up Scott McCrimmon. Shane Ainsley put the game out of reach with an empty net goal in the final seconds for the 5-3 win.

Jody Spagnol was named player of the game for his side, while Rattray took similar honours for the Thunder.



Steve Conforti and Tyler Puley dropped the puck for Friday's ceremonial faceoff. It was taken by Jody Spagnol and Rebecca Vint.