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Dear Mark and Tammy,

It is hard to believe that Russell's time with the Cheyenne Stampede has come to an end. It has been two great years for all of us. Not only did he mature and grow as a hockey player during his time in Cheyenne, but, more importantly, as a man. Yours is a junior hockey program that is second to none.

We remember when Russell first checked out the website and showed us the ice rink, gym and locker room. He was so excited, but we told him anybody could make a place look good online. Well, we soon discovered the pictures didn't give the facilities justice. The ice rink is an incredible facility that is filled with unbelievable fans at every home game. When we attended our first game it felt like we were at an NHL game. Playing for the fans of Cheyenne was a fantastic experience for Russell.

The billeting situation was incredibly positive for Russell too. The Stampede placed Russell with a family that treated him as their own. Actually, Russell's billet parents are probably some of the most compassionate, understanding people we have ever met. They offered guidance and support when he needed it the most.

Finally, the game, the coaching staff was impressive; they expected 100% commitment from the boys, which is what Russell needs in a program. It is very frustrating to him when people are not committed. In addition, the players were expected to be involved in the community and support the team. Russell improved dramatically as a player in his last year with the Stampede. As the captain, his leadership skills developed and his game improved, which resulted in a very successful season.

Thank you so much for the last two years. Russell is on his way to college hockey, and we know he will do well thanks to the commitment and support from the management, coaching staff, players and fans of the Cheyenne Stampede.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Lee Armbruster