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For Immediate Release

Meet Simon Whitfield, Clara Hughes in the Oval Pavilion at Richmond O Zone

Meet over 60 Olympic and Paralympic heroes for autograph signing sessions, play on ICON's "Playground of the Future", take on Fitness Challenges for prizes and learn about the Oval's Legacy

Richmond, BC – On the first full day of the Richmond O Zone, at 4pm on Friday, February 12, 2009, members of the public can meet Simon Whitfield, Olympic Gold medalist, in person at the Richmond Olympic Oval pavilion.

And on the last day of the Richmond O Zone, at 545pm on Saturday, February 27, 2009, multiple members of Speed Skating Canada will be on hand for autographs.

In between, over 50 other Olympic and Paralympic athletes will sign autographs and deliver inspirational speeches at the Oval pavilion. A complete schedule of athlete appearances and times can be found online at www.richmondoval.ca/games_ozone.htm.

When not meeting and greeting our national heroes, there are plenty of other activities going on at the Oval pavilion.

ICON's Playground of the Future

ICON's award winning playground design combines the excitement of electronic gaming with outdoor play for today's digital generation. Like Olympic athletes, kids can create teams and compete against each other to push their own physical limits. Kids can come back throughout the Olympic Games period to challenge all competitors.

ActNow BC

Take the World Healthy Living Challenge. Play interactive games. Pick up healthy living resources. And win prizes. The public can also meet some of Canada's Olympic and Paralympic Medallists and ActNow BC Athlete Ambassadors who will share their experiences and message of healthy living with people of all ages.

Other Activities

Other activities will include Oval sports, fitness and interactive games, interactive oval legacy kiosks – where you can learn more about the venue's legacy to the community - Wii Fit activities and more.

Athlete Schedule:

Date:	Time:	Athlete(s):
Friday, Feb 12	4pm	Simon Whitfield
Saturday, Feb 13	4pm 7pm	Michelle Stillwell 20 Richmond Olympic & Paralympic Athletes
Sunday, Feb 14	4pm	Kyle Jones
Monday, Feb 15	4pm	Andrea Holmes
Tuesday, Feb 16	4pm 7pm	Jay Morrison and Carol Hyngh Carol Hyngh
Wednesday, Feb 17	4pm 7pm	Carly Grigg and Zach Bell Brian Johns
Thursday, Feb 18	4pm 7pm	Mason Trafford Kyle Hamilton
Friday, Feb 19	4pm 7pm	Andrea Holmes Walter Wu
Saturday, Feb 20	4pm	Crispen Lipscomb
Sunday, Feb 21	4pm	Jennifer Joyce
Monday, Feb 22	4pm	Mike Nell
Tuesday, Feb 23	4pm	Callum Ng
Wednesday, Feb 24	4pm	Pat Anderson
Thursday, Feb 25	4pm	Anna Rice
Friday, Feb 26	4pm	Mike Nell
Saturday, Feb 27	330pm 4pm 545pm	Clara Hughes Stacy Anaka Approx. 16 Speed Skating Canada athletes

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