Iowa Rush Announces the Installation of Permanent Lights at Prairie Ridge Soccer Complex

August 1, 2012 (Ankeny, IA)--- Iowa Rush Soccer Club, in conjunction with the City of Ankeny and Musco Sports Lighting, have installed permanent lights at the Prairie Ridge Soccer Complex. Six 60’ poles have been erected at the complex and are expected to be fully functional later in August, lighting four platforms. Platform 35 will be lighted for game-ready competition, while Platforms 33, 34, and 36 will be lit for practice conditions. The club is planning to celebrate and officially recognize the addition of lights at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, August 18 at 8:15 in the evening. This date coincides with the club's annual pre-season intra-club Rush Cup. Immediately following the ribbon-cutting, the lights will be illuminated and utilized for the final games of the evening, crowning the champions under the lights for the first time.

“We are extremely excited about the opportunities the addition of lights represents. The investment in this project is worthwhile and we will see the benefits for years to come. It is a testament to the support and diligence of our members and the City, that we now have lights at Prairie Ridge,” notes Iowa Rush Technical Director, Corbin Stone.

Todd Redenius, Ankeny Parks and Recreation Director, adds, “The City of Ankeny is very pleased to see the new soccer platform lights. It has been a pleasure partnering with the Iowa Rush on this project. Providing sports field lighting for training, recreational and competitive soccer has been a mutual goal of the City and Rush organizations for a long time and will certainly add to the experience of soccer participants. The City of Ankeny Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to see the project come to fruition and is appreciative of the Rush Board of Directors, Park Board and City Council for their efforts to make this great improvement a reality!”

Chip Pritchard also states, "As a parent of four Rush soccer players, a recreational team coach, and a member of the Iowa Rush Board of Directors, I am very proud the City of Ankeny and the Iowa Rush Soccer Club have teamed together to add lights to our Prairie Ridge soccer fields. The lights will impact every Iowa Rush soccer player by allowing the kids more flexible practice times and increased competition as more teams come to play under the lights. The Prairie Ridge facility is one of the very best sports venues in the Midwest. With lights on the soccer fields, the complex can now host soccer events both day and evening. This will help our community by hosting sporting events where players and parents will fill our hotels and restaurants. This project is definitely a win – win for the Iowa Rush Soccer Club and the City of Ankeny."

For more information on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the permanent lights at Prairie Ridge Soccer Complex please contact Corbin Stone at 515-371-2957 or visit www.iowarush.com.

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