

On a chilly night, Kid Rock warms up Wichita

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About 10,000 fans braved the fierce weather to attend the Kid Rock show at Intrust Bank Arena on Tuesday night.

They had it easier than Rock's backing band, which had to drive in two blizzard-affected states. The band joined Kid Rock in concert in Tulsa on Monday, and there was concern they wouldn't arrive in time for the Wichita show.

So when Kid Rock took the stage microphone to announce the band's late arrival, it was another indication Tuesday wasn't just another night in Wichita. Kid Rock told the audience that he and the band would piece together a set list, and their performance began around 9:45, after two opening acts and about half an hour later than expected.

Kid Rock was making his third visit to

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Wichita in the past five years; it was his first performance at the arena and first here since performing at the Kansas Coliseum in spring 2008. His current tour is titled "Born Free," named after his most recent album, and Tuesday's show was the seventh in a run scheduled to end March 5 in Orlando.

Kid Rock first song wasn't his — "Turn the Page," by fellow Michigan native Bob Seger, rumbled the speakers, then a video showed pictures

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