

# ***Kent Valley Players Compete at Brick Tournament***

Kent, WA July 7, 2008 – Carson Bergstrom and Kailer Yamamoto represented Kent Valley at the 2008 Brick Tournament in Edmonton, AB on July 2-6. Carson and Kailer played on the California 98 team based out of the LA Hockey Club. Both players had an amazing experience as they participated in the top tournament for 1998 birth year players in North America. The city of Edmonton enthusiastically supports the Brick Tournament with several thousand spectators watching each game inside the West Edmonton Mall, the world's largest entertainment and shopping centre.

Carson and Kailer got the California 98's off to a great start in the opening game connecting on the power play to open the scoring with Carson getting the goal and Kailer collecting the assist. The California 98's went on to beat the Saskatchewan Hustlin Huskies 6-3. Up next for the California 98's was the Winnipeg Junior Jets. Kailer collected 2 goals and was awarded the #1 star of the game, while Carson anchored the defense in an impressive 5-3 victory over a very talented Winnipeg team.



California ran into top teams from Toronto and Connecticut in their next games and couldn't put together enough scoring to pull out the victories against these two hockey powerhouses. In the finale, California jumped out to a 2-0 lead against the Montreal Ice Storm, only to see Montreal come back and tie the game 2-2. California finished the tournament with a 2-2-1 record. Kailer finished as the leading scorer for the team and 9th in scoring for the entire tournament. Carson anchored the defense as the California 98's improved upon their recent performances at the Brick by finishing 3rd in their division, just missing a spot in the playoffs.

The California 98's demonstrated their individual talents in the skills competition. Kailer finished as the 3rd fastest skater and collectively Carson and Kailer helped the California 98's take home the team skills championship. Both Carson and Kailer established themselves as top 1998 birth year players in North America and are looking forward to returning to Kent Valley next season and playing with the Pee Wee AAA team. Congratulations to Carson and Kailer for proudly representing Kent Valley at this prestigious event.

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