

2009-2010 Hockey Season Underway

Kent WA 22 September, 2009 – Where did our summer break go? It seems like only last week Kent Valley teams were wrapping up end-of-season tournaments and PNAHA playoffs. My oh my! Time flies when you're having fun in the summer sunshine.

Kent Valley Ice Centre and Kent Valley Hockey Association welcome you back for the 2009-2010 hockey season. We hope that your summer was a safe, fun and memorable one.

KVIC Rink Notes:

Photo Day – KVHA Photo Day will be Monday October 26th. KVHA Registrar, Rena Sullivan, is working on a specific time schedule for teams.

Pro Shop – First Line NW Pro Hockey has vacated the pro shop space at Kent Valley Ice Centre. KVIC is working on several alternatives for reconfiguring the pro shop and bringing it up to what KVHA members expect for a full service pro shop. In the mean time, skate sharpening is available. During some times of the day KVIC staff will be able to sharpen skates "while you wait." Drop off and pick up the next day is also available. Contact the front office if you'd like skates sharpened. Cost of skate sharpening is \$6.39 plus tax. We appreciate your patience during this transition period.

PeeWee Tier-II Selects, First to Test the Ice

Bellingham Sportsplex, Bellinghame, WA 13 September, 2009 – Derek Pizzey's PeeWee Tier-II Selects got Kent Valley's 2009-2010 season off to a great start as they travelled to Bellingham for an exhibition game against the Whatcom Warriors. The Selects were excited to launch their new season and it showed in their effort from the first puck drop. The Selects managed to control play during most of this game.

Player of the game was Patrick Dunphy on defense. Dunphy dominated the Warriors' offensive players on every rush, and added a beautiful top shelf goal to cap an excellent performance. Way to go Patty! Alec Johnson gets honorable mention for his offensive show. Johnson scored 2 goals and earned assists on 2 of his teammate's goals.

The official score sheet indicates the Selects took 74 shots on goal while the Warriors managed only 13 shots. However, an unnamed source reported the shots on goal were probably closer to 45 shots for Kent and 15 for Whatcom. The final score was Kent Valley Selects 7 and the Whatcom Warriors 2. A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	4:21	Nick Pizzey from Alec Johnson & Anton Nitikin
Whatcom	1	1:42	Ernest Yake (Unassisted)
Whatcom	2	10:06	Kyle Sutton from Ernest Yake
Kent Valley	2	8:49	Alec Johnson from Zack Houck
Kent Valley	2	2:51	Alec Johnson (Unassisted Power Play goal)
Kent Valley	3	14:41	Jeremy Carlson from Ryno Peacock & Zack Houck
Kent Valley	3	11:18	Patty Dunphy from Christian Cinderella & Lydia Grauer
Kent Valley	3	4:54	Eamann McMillion from Noah Persson & Alec Johnson
Kent Valley	3	0:35	Anton Nitikin from Dawson Meyers

Kent Valley's Aaron Matthews stopped 5 of 7 shots on goal for 71% and Austin Phelps stopped 3 of 3 shots for 100%.

Whatcom's Broderick Parker stopped 36 of 39 shots on goal for 92% and Benjamin Gardner stopped 31 of 35 for 89%.

Kent Valley had 2 minor penalties for 4 minutes.

Whatcom had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

SnoKing Squirt Major '99 Dominates Kent Valley

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 20 September, 2009 – Kent Valley's Squirt Tier-II Selects faced a very tough and talented SnoKing Squirt Major '99 team on Sunday. The "Major" designation on the SnoKing team indicates all the players on the team are birth year 1999, or second year Squirts. The Kent Valley team is a combination of 1999 and 2000 birth year players, a mixture of first and second year Squirts.

Jeremy Blondin scored the Selects first goal of the season with an assist from Andrew Bell. Goalie Cam Hansen had his first big workout of the season as he turned away 21 of 31 SnoKing shots on goal. The Selects fired 15 shots on the SnoKing goal. SnoKing had 2 minor penalties while the Selects were called for only 1 minor infraction.

Kent Valley Bantam Elite Host Semiahmoo Ravens

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 19 September, 2009 – Kent Valley's Bantam Elite played host to the Bantam A2 Ravens of Semiahmoo for a Saturday and Sunday series of exhibition games. Kent Valley matched Semiahmoo goal for goal on Saturday and bested them 5 to 2 on Sunday. Kent Valley was pleased with their showing against the Ravens since they are ranked as one of the top Bantam A2 teams in the lower mainland of B.C.

The scoring summary is below:

Game 1 Saturday – Kent Valley Elite (3) vs. Semiahmoo Ravens (3)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Semiahmoo	1	13:00	Nick Shears from Liam Fordy & Carson Rose (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	3:02	Anthony Mantz from Thomas Peach
Semiahmoo	1	1:31	Carson Rose from Carson Woring
Semiahmoo	2	12:50	Carson Rose from Evan Kite & Brayden Bouchey
Kent Valley	3	3:27	Justin Loepker (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	1:05	Justin Loepker from Damon Hanson & Taylor Vickerman

Shots on goal were not recorded.

Kent Valley had 9 minor penalties for 18 minutes.

Semiahmoo had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes.

Game 2 Sunday – Kent Valley Elite (5) vs. Semiahmoo Ravens (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	14:23	Austin Azzinnaro (Unassisted)
Semiahmoo	2	15:43	Carson Rose from Max Koitai (Power Play)
Semiahmoo	2	14:54	Brayden Bouchey from Paul Smith (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	0:57	Damon Hanson (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	15:03	Damon Hanson from Justin Loepker (Shorthanded)
Kent Valley	3	14:55	John Speer from Alex Lee (Shorthanded)
Kent Valley	3	10:25	Dane Dahline (Unassisted)

Kent Valley's Joshua Stone stopped 10 of 12 shots on goal for 83%.

Semiahmoo's Spencer Waibel & Thomas Tustin stopped 36 of 41 shots for 88%.

Kent Valley had 1 major penalty and 5 minor penalties for 15 minutes.

Semiahmoo had 3 penalties for 6 minutes.

Midget Selects Fall to Puget Sound Tomahawks

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 19 September, 2009 – The visiting Puget Sound Tomahawks handed the Kent Valley Midget Selects their first loss of the season Saturday in exhibition play at Kent Valley Ice Centre. The two teams played even through the first period with

neither team managing a score. Puget Sound recorded the first tally of the game at 7:33 into the second period and never looked back as they rolled to 3 – 1 victory over the Selects. Tyler Dunn scored the Selects only goal, an unassisted goal, at 4:41 of the 3rd period.

If the Selects learned anything from this first outing of the season it is that they need to get more shots on goal. They only managed 6 shots on goal during the game, 4 of them coming in the first period and they only scored on one of those shots. When a team is able to score on 17% of their shots they should shoot more. Penalties plagued the Selects as they took 9 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for 28 minutes total in the sin bin. Puget Sound took 6 minor penalties for 12 minutes.

Kent Valley's goalie Dimitri Nikitin turned away 27 of 30 Puget Sound shots on goal for a respectable save rate of 90%.

T-Birds Corner

The Seattle Thunderbirds opened the 2009 season in the ShoWare Center this past weekend. With the Party on the Plaza to kick off the festivities and then the addition of the new piece to the goal celebration it was a great way to get the season started. (If you didn't make it to a game, you will have to come out to see what you are missing!)

On Opening Night the Thunderbirds held on to a thrilling 4-3 victory over the Silvertips. The T-Birds new young guns showed a lot, especially young Colin Jacobs who had one goal and two assists in his first opening night and building upon his great showing in last season's playoffs. Calvin Pickard picked up right where he left off the 2008/09 campaign by stopping 46 of 49 shots in the victory.

Saturday night didn't go as well as Portland came in and played really well to beat the T-Birds 5-0. After a couple of disappointing years in Portland for their fans, hopefully this means that the Seattle/Portland rivalry will be back where it belongs as the best rivalry in the Western Hockey League. I am sure things will be very different the next time the Winterhawks come to town.

I would like to remind teams that we do still have the 24-game flex plan available that we talked about last week. It is perfect for any busy team or family that is planning on coming out to a few games this year and wants to save money over the walk up price.

Also, I have a few ice slots available in the next month or so, both before T-Birds game and between periods. Please call me today to find out which spots are available and to make sure that your team gets a spot so they can play at the "ShoW".

I hope you have a great week and I hope to hear from all of you soon!

"Let's Go Birds!"

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Next T-Birds Home Games!

Friday, September 25 vs. Chilliwack Bruins @ 7:35

Friday, October 2 vs. Tri City Americans @ 7:35 - (Pub Night and City of Kent Night)

Have a great week!

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