

Kent Valley - There's No Place Like Home

Kent WA 22 February, 2009 – As most KVHA members know, you don't have to travel very far to gain an appreciation for what we have right here at home in Kent Valley Ice Centre. Case and point; I traveled to Beaverton, Oregon, with the Bantam Tier-II Selects on Saturday for an exhibition game at Valley Ice Arena. Valley Ice is known as "*the rink with character, and characters,*" and it lived up to its name. I had forgotten that this rink even existed. My last visit was six years ago when our PeeWee Tornadoes played there. As I drove into the parking lot it all started to come back to me. I remembered that this is the rink with no lines or face-off circles on the ice; it is the rink with the slow moving miniature ice clearing vehicle (not to be confused with a Zamboni) and the cramped locker rooms.

The locker rooms are so small that four or five of our Kent Valley players had to dress in the main lobby. The lobby is so cramped that parents found it difficult to gather and mingle for pre-game and post-game chats without being bumped by others trying to squeeze by to enter or exit the facility. The glass around the rink is so marred by years of pucks, sticks and body parts bumping against them that it is difficult to see the game clearly through the glass. The scoreboard is mounted on the wall behind the bleachers where it's difficult to see unless you're on one of the team benches across the ice.

In spite of the lack of creature comforts at Valley Ice Arena the facility is a valuable asset for the community of Beaverton, Oregon. The rink has been in business for 45 years, is home to the River City Jaguars Jr. team, and is a host rink for the Portland Jr. Hawks Amateur Hockey Association and the Oregon High School Hockey League. The rink also hosts an adult/senior hockey league and is home to the Carousel Skating Club.

I often moan and groan about the minor imperfections of our home facility and it bugs the heck out of me that our pro shop is never open when you need it most, and often doesn't have what you need when it is open. But, you know what? After spending a few hours at Valley Ice Arena in Beaverton, Oregon, I can deal with the minor imperfections at Kent Valley Ice Centre, our home sweet home.

Here's the KVHA News for the weekend of February 21st & 22nd.

KVHA Mite Lightning (3) SnoKing Mite Green (5)

Kent, WA 21 February, 2009 – The Mite Lightning fell a few shots short of catching up with SnoKing Green Saturday. The Lightning goalie, Alex Bucci, performed well in preventing Green from scoring with a save rate 12% better than the SnoKing's save rate. Bucci's teammates managed to get 8 shots on the SnoKing net during the game and scored on 3 of those shots. At that rate it would have only taken 8 more shots to win the game... Maybe next time.

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
SnoKing	1	12:15	Cameron Bowers (Unassisted)
SnoKing	1	5:35	Ivan Zhao from Nathan Harris
SnoKing	2	10:29	Lokelani Antonil (Unassisted)
SnoKing	2	6:32	Kellen Hoke (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	4:17	Brandon Lajoie (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	9:15	Justin Pitzer from Qass Huffington
Kent Valley	3	8:03	Qass Huffington (Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	7:20	Kyle McCarthy from Cameron Bowers

Kent Valley's Alex Bucci stopped 15 of 20 shots on goal for 75%.

SnoKing's Jamie Frantz stopped 5 of 8 shots on goal for 63%.

Both teams skated penalty free.

Mite Tornadoes Shutout Seattle Jr. Blades 3 to 0

Mountlake Terrace, WA 21 February, 2009 – The Mite Tornadoes played their last league game of the season and ended the season with a shutout win. It was the team's second consecutive shutout and their 14th straight win. It was the 4th shutout of the season for the Tornadoes' goalie Nicholas Gill. The final score could have been much higher as the Tornadoes hit the post on four shots that deflected out instead of in. Coach Steve Mertel credited the Seattle Jr. goalie John Studioso for holding the score down saying; "*The Blades goalie stood on his head and played an awesome game.*"

Congratulations to the Kent Valley Mite Tornadoes for an outstanding season. Here's the game summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	2	1:30	Kenny Gill (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	10:08	Danny Smith (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	3:15	Danny Smith from Kenny Gill

Kent Valley's Nicholas Gill stopped 10 of 10 shots on goal for the shutout.
Seattle Jr's J Studioso stopped 16 of 19 shots on goal for 84%.
Kent Valley had 4 penalties for 8 minutes while Seattle Jr. had 3 penalties for 6 minutes.

Squirt Tornadoes Face-Off in Two Games This Weekend

Story by Kristine Langmack

Kent, WA 22 February, 2009 – The Squirt Tornadoes found themselves playing two games this weekend to finish up their season. Saturday morning's game was the last one on the schedule for the Tornadoes. Saturday evening's game was a make-up game, which was cancelled in December due to a snowstorm. Lynnwood did not have any ice available and much to the delight of the Tornado parent's both games were played at home in Kent.

Tornadoes Fall Hard to 1st Place Blades

KVHA Tornadoes 1 – SJHA Blades 9

The Tornadoes faced off against the 1st place SJHA Blades today. It was a tough game with the Blades scoring 3 goals within the first 10 minutes of play.

As the season winds down, most players get put into positions they longed to play all season. It's always fun to watch a winger become a center man who now is taking face-offs, or a defenseman playing offense. Even one of our goalies played out of net today and was playing defense. The Tornadoes did manage to get one in today – late in the third period. Nolan Schaper scored with an assist from Andrew Bell.

Here's the game summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Goals:			
SJHA Blades	1	12:48	goal-L. Shelley, assist E. Conard
SHJA Blades	1	11:10	goal- D. Akins
SHJA Blades	1	10:34	goal-M. Dewayne, assist N. Kinkopf
SHJA Blades	1	2:01	goal-B. Haonolo, M.Dewaine
SHJA Blades	2	14:16	goal-E. Clark
SHJA Blades	2	1:54	goal-D. Akins
SHJA Blades	3	7:23	goal-L. Shelley

SHJA Blades	3	4:16	goal-E. Conard
KVHA Tornadoes	3	1:58	goal-Nolan Schaper, assist Andrew Bell
Penalties:			
KVHA	3	3:00	hooking-C. Dosa

SJHA Bulldogs Take a Bite Out of Tornadoes

KVHA Tornadoes 2 – SJHA Bulldogs 9

The Bulldogs racked up 4 goals early in the 1st period. It was clear early on with three refs on the ice and no infractions being called we were in for a rough game. The rough play accelerated as the game continued on with some relief finally called in the 3rd.

The Tornadoes did manage to get two in the net. Jon Langmack scored assisted by Nolan Schaper in Period 2 @ 5:22. Nice teamwork guys! Sage Hege scored an unassisted power play goal to put the 2nd goal up on the board for the Tornadoes.

Here's the game summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Goals:			
SJHA Bulldogs	1	11:40	goal-L. Shelley, assist E. Conard
SJHA Bulldogs	1	7:55	goal-D. Johnson, assist C.Freeman &O.Jeffries
SHJA Bulldogs	1	5:05	goal-A.Haupt-assist C. Freeman
SHJA Bulldogs	2	13:31	goal-D. Johnson, assist - C.Walker
SHJA Bulldogs	2	11:30	goal - A. Haupt, assist C. Freeman
SHJA Bulldogs	2	7:37	goal -C. Freeman
KVHA Tornadoes	2	5:22	goal - Jon Langmack, assist Nolan Schaper
KVHA Tornadoes	3	10:13	goal - Sage Hege
SJHA Bulldogs	3	5:35	goal - C.Freeman
SHJA Bulldogs	3	5:09	goal - C.Walker, assist , A. Haupt
SJHA Bulldogs	3	1:58	goal - C. Freeman
KVHA Tornadoes	3	1:58	goal-Nolan Schaper, assist Andrew Bell
Penalties:			
Bulldogs	3	12:00	tripping-C. Walker
Bulldogs	3	11:46	slashing-D. Spino
Tornadoes	3	9:40	roughing - S. Hege
Bulldogs	3	3:08	tripping - D. Johnson

Tornadoes Finish Season with a Loss

Story by Mary MacDonald

Lynnwood, WA 21 February, 2009 – The Bantam's put up a good fight but finished the season with a 2-1 loss to the first place Seattle Junior Badgers. The Tornadoes opened the scoring at the 3:28 mark of the first period with a goal by Brady Anderson, on a feed from Brendan Laik. Penalties would lead to second and third period goals for the Badgers. Unable to capitalise on their own power play chances, the final score would be 2-1. This was a great showing for the Tornadoes leading into the playoffs. Though they are not in the Banner division they have a great shot of winning the consolation round. Their first game should be against the Everett Grizzlies this coming weekend. The Tornadoes season record against the Grizzlies is a 2-1 loss and a 2-2 tie. If successful in that first game the

Tornadoes would go on to face a SK team, which they have been successful against both. Good Luck Tornadoes.

Bantam Tier-II Selects in Portland

Portland, WA 22 February, 2008 – The Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects were in Portland for the weekend. They played one game on Saturday and two on Sunday. The Selects were short a few players so they borrowed from the PeeWee Tier-II Selects. The PeeWee's enjoyed the opportunity to play at the Bantam level. As of Wednesday evening score sheets were not available for reporting game results. Sorry!

Midget Tornadoes Wrap-Up Season With a Tie

Story by Sheri Walsh

Kent, WA February 22, 2009 -- Kent's Midget Tornadoes skated to a tie and a 13-2-and-1 record for the season Sunday as they hosted the Everett Kodiaks. Everett was quick to score putting in their first goal within two minutes of the game's start. Despite several powerplays in the first two periods, the Tornadoes were unable to capitalize. The second period also found Kent short-handed much of the time. Brandon Ly, Zach Bloss and Paul Pinkoske coordinated play in the third allowing Paul to score the game-tying goal. With just over a minute left in the game, the Tornadoes had to settle for the tie. Final score 1-1.

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Everett	1	13:20	Maley from Hoffman
KVHA	3	1:29	Paul Pinkoske from Brandon Ly and Zach Bloss

Midget Tier-II Selects Display Class and Earn Respect in Absence of Same from Their Opponent

Kent, WA 22 February, 2008 – This past weekend the KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects played a Saturday and Sunday combination of exhibition games at Kent Valley Ice Centre with the Oregon High School Hockey League (OHSHL) Selects out of Portland. The Oregon Selects won Saturday's game 5 to 2. Oregon scored 3 goals in the first period and 1 in each of the next two periods. Kent Valley scored once in the first period and again in the third period. Penalties were relatively even with Portland getting 10 for 20 minutes and Kent Valley taking 9 for 28 minutes.

While Saturday's game was hard-fought by both teams, it was Sunday's game that left everyone in Kent Valley Ice Centre wondering what they were witnessing and shaking their heads in disbelief. Instead of playing hockey the OHSHL Selects staged a self-destructive comedy act that would have embarrassed the Hanson Brothers. It's not clear why their coach was unable to control his players and it causes us to question whether or not he is qualified or capable of coaching youth hockey. The Coach lacked more than control Sunday; he lacked class. He has most certainly brought humiliation upon the Oregon High School Hockey League organization.

Without going into the ugly details let's just say that the OHSHL coach allowed his players to taunt instead of play hockey and it caused his team a loss on Sunday. The OHSHL Selects players who scored points for their team on Saturday, resorted to child's play on Sunday and contributed nothing more than penalty minutes and dishonor to their team's efforts. Their child's play continued even after the game ended on Sunday. It continued during the traditional "gentlemen's" hand shake on the ice after the game and continued into the locker room hallway where several of the Oregon players continued their humiliating conduct under the watchful eyes of the Officials.

Some of the Oregon players painted facial hair on their faces Sunday. We're not exactly sure what the theatrical act of painting beards and mustaches on their young faces was

supposed to accomplish, but it sure looked odd. Perhaps if they grow up they'll be able to grow real facial hair.

In stark contrast to the deplorable actions of the OHSHL Selects was the mature and responsible conduct of the Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects. Coach Jay Johnston said later; *"A coach couldn't be more proud of his team than I was of our team on Sunday. Our guys came out to play hockey and were not going to let them (the OHSHL Selects) beat us or intimidate us. Instead, we beat them (the OHSHL Selects) in every way possible, both mentally and physically. Our guys did not cave in to the intimidation; they were focused and mature young men! I am very proud of our team."* Johnston said his team went straight to their locker room following the game and avoided the pandemonium in the hallway outside the Oregon locker room. Johnston also complimented goalie Evan Turpin; *"Evan played a great game on Sunday. He stopped everything they threw at him and earned a well-deserved shutout. He was awesome!"*

Coach Johnston complimented the Officials for controlling the game and the turmoil after the game. Johnston said: *"They prevented a bad situation from turning really ugly."*

Congratulations to the Kent Valley Midget Tier-II Selects and their coaches, not so much for the victory on Sunday, which is sweet, but more importantly for their responsible and mature conduct in the face of adversity. You've earned our respect and made us very proud. Well done!

Here's the scoring summaries:

Sat: Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (2) vs. Oregon Hi School Selects (5)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
OHSHL	1	14:21	Zac Raymak from Nick Hornschuch & Bryson Irving
OHSHL	1	12:44	Brady Lemihan from Ian McEllrath & Daniel Bardak (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	10:24	Joey Scherer from Danny Hosmer & Erik Jennings (Power Play)
OHSHL	1	1:22	Nick Monteferrante from Bryson Irving & Mikey Doubrava
OHSHL	2	11:20	Brock Johnson from Nick Hornschuch & Zac Raymak
Kent Valley	3	7:30	Steven Meginnes from Brandon Johnston & Danny Hosmer
OHSHL	3	3:34	Harrison Gilbert from Cody Johnson (Power Play)

Kent Valley's Bryce Fink stopped 32 of 38 shots on goal for 84%.

Oregon's Jake Wooldridge stopped 14 of 16 shots on goal for 88%.

Kent Valley had 9 penalties for 28 minutes while Oregon had 10 penalties for 20 minutes.

Sun: Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (2) vs. Oregon Hi School Selects (0)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring

Kent Valley 1 11:39 Danny Hosmer from Steven Meginnes

Kent Valley 3 10:36 Danny Hosmer (Unassisted)

Kent Valley's Evan Turpin stopped 42 of 42 shots on goal to earn the shutout.

Oregon's Jake Wooldridge stopped 31 of 33 shots on goal for 94%.

Kent Valley had 7 penalties for 14 minutes while Oregon had 14 minor penalties, 1 5-minute major and 5 10-minute misconducts and 5 10-minute game misconducts for a total of 139 penalty minutes.

Kent Valley U-18 "AAA" Selects Split in B.C.

Abbotsford, B.C. 21 February, 2009 – The Kent Valley U-18 2008 "AAA" Selects travelled to the lower mainland of British Columbia over the weekend for two exhibition games.

Saturday morning's game was played against the Vancouver Thunderbirds at the Great Pacific Forum. Kent Valley won by a score of 6 to 1. They moved on to the Abbotsford

Recreation Centre in Abbotsford in the afternoon for a 5:15pm game against the Abbotsford A's. Abbotsford took advantage of a travel-weary Kent Valley team defeating the Selects 10 to 4.

Here are the scoring summaries for both games:

1: Kent Valley U-18 "AAA" Selects (6) vs. Vancouver Thunderbirds (1)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	12:07	Tyler Sybil from Cory James
Kent Valley	2	5:11	Eliot Grauer from Ryan Doner (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	4:02	Tyler Sybil from Jordan Robertson
Kent Valley	2	2:35	Ryan Doner (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	1:02	Alex Tindall from Ryan Doner (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	0:43	Noah Dolinajec from Cory James
Vancouver	3	7:48	J.S. Park (Unassisted)

Shots on goal were not recorded.

Each team had 7 penalties for 30 minutes.

2: Kent Valley U-18 "AAA" Selects (4) vs. Abbotsford A1 (10)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	14:37	Ryan Doner from Anthony Petruzzelli
Kent Valley	1	14:29	Tyler Sybil (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	11:57	Ryan Doner from Tyler Sybil & Noah Dolinajec
Abbotsford	1	6:24	Brendan Kroeker from Dustin Gilding & Travis Oddy
Abbotsford	1	6:10	Nick Woodbury from Tayler Wertman (Power Play)
Abbotsford	1	4:11	Brendan Kroeker from Dustin Gilding & Tyson Appledoorn (Power Play)
Abbotsford	2	7:02	Tayler Wertman from Brendan Kroeker & Ben Penner
Abbotsford	2	6:03	Russell Foster from Travis Oddy & Brendan Kroeker
Abbotsford	2	4:03	Tyson Appeldroorn from Travis Oddy (Power Play)
Abbotsford	2	3:10	Tayler Wertman from Tyson Appeldroorn (Power Play)
Abbotsford	2	2:46	Nick Woodbury from Tayler Wertman & Christopher Timar
Kent Valley	3	12:14	Anthony Petruzzelli from Ryan Doner (Power Play)
Abbotsford	3	7:45	Nick Woodbury (Hat Trick) from Christopher Timar (Power Play)
Abbotsford	3	6:43	Travis Oddy from Brendan Kroeker & Ethan Gaines

Shots on goal were not recorded.

Kent Valley had 11 penalties for 33 minutes while Abbotsford had 6 penalties for 12 minutes.

Have a great week!

Contact: Lew Sellers, Director of Communications
 Kent Valley Hockey Association
 6015 So. 240th Street
 Kent, WA. 98032
 (206) 914-9619 Cellular
Lew@KentValleyIceCentre.com