

KVHA Teams Move to Playoff Mode

Kent, WA – KVHA News for 12 March, 2010 – Kent Valley's hockey teams are well into the playoff portion of the 2009/2010 season as they compete for North Puget Sound Hockey League (NPSHL) and Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA) League titles. Some playoff competition has already taken place while others are about to begin.

KVHA News has been off the Internet for the past several weeks as I took a break for 18 days at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C. Upon my return last week I found a daunting stack of score sheets on my desk. Since there is not enough time in my busy life for creating stories on each and every score sheet, I am only including game scores, brief information on playoff games and some stories prepared and contributed by authors associated with some of our teams. Please bear with me as I play catch-up with our hockey news. We are a very busy hockey association.

Update on KVHA Game Scores Since February 10th:

02/13/2010 KVHA Mite Tornadoes (5) vs. Pierce County Minor Hockey (0)

02/14/2010 KVHA Mite Tornadoes (9) vs. Portland Yellow Jackets (0)

02/14/2010 KVHA Mite Tornadoes (8) vs. Tri-Cities Sharks (5)

02/15/2010 KVHA Mite Tornadoes (3) vs. Spokane Jr. Chiefs (4)

02/20/2010 KVHA Mite Tornadoes (10) vs. Everett Mite Kodiaks (1)

02/27/2010 KVHA Mite Tornadoes (3) vs. SnoKing Mite Major Blue (1)

02/20/2010 KVHA Squirt Tornadoes (2) vs. SnoKing Squirt Blue (0)

02/20/2010 KVHA Squirt Tornadoes (7) vs. SnoKing Squirt Grey (1)

02/27/2010 KVHA Squirt Tornadoes (0) vs. Puget Sound Squirt Blue (10)

03/06/2010 KVHA Squirt Tornadoes (3) vs. SnoKing Squirt Grey (0)

Date Unknown KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes (5) vs. Wenatchee PeeWee White (6)

02/12/2010 KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes (2) vs. Wenatchee PeeWee Black (4)

02/13/2010 KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes (1) vs. Kitsap County PeeWee Black (7)

02/20/2010 KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes (0) vs. Kitsap County PeeWee Red (1)

03/06/2010 KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes (1) vs. WWFHA Phoenix (5)

02/12/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (7) vs. Tri Cities PeeWee Blue (2)

02/13/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (4) vs. Wenatchee PeeWee Black (3)

02/13/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (8) vs. Wenatchee PeeWee White (3)

02/14/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (0) vs. Kitsap County PeeWee Red (3)

02/20/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (2) vs. Kitsap County PeeWee Black (4)

02/27/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (8) vs. Everett PeeWee Grizzlies (1)

03/06/2010 KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (3) vs. Seattle Jr. PeeWee Badgers (2)

02/20/2010 KVHA PeeWee "B" Storm (4) vs. SnoKing PeeWee "B" (1)

02/13/2010 KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (1) vs. Tri Cities Bantam Blue (8)

02/14/2010 KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (2) vs. Tri Cities Bantam Inferno (3)

02/15/2010 KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (2) vs. Kitsap County Bantam Red (7)

02/16/2010 KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (4) vs. Wenatchee Bantam Jr. Wild (5)

02/20/2010 KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (1) vs. Seattle Jr. Bantam Eagles (3)

02/28/2010 KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (2) vs. Seattle Jr. Bantam Badgers (2)

02/20/2010 KVHA Bantam Tier-II Selects (3) vs. Portland Jr. Hawks Bantam AA (5)

02/20/2010 KVHA Bantam Tier-II Selects (0) vs. Portland Jr. Hawks Bantam AA (4)

02/26/2010 KVHA Bantam Tier-I Elite (3) vs. Spokane Bantam Tier-I (4)

02/26/2010 KVHA Bantam Tier-I Elite (3) vs. Seattle Jr. Bantam Tier-I (4)

02/27/2010 KVHA Bantam Tier-I Elite (5) vs. Spokane Bantam Tier-I (4)

02/27/2010 KVHA Bantam Tier-I Elite (1) vs. Seattle Jr. Bantam Tier-I (7)

02/14/2010 KVHA Midget Tornadoes (4) vs. Penticton Midget Mufflers (1)

02/15/2010 KVHA Midget Tornadoes (4) vs. Penticton Midget Tigers (3)

02/16/2010 KVHA Midget Tornadoes (4) vs. Wenatchee Midget Jr. Wild (1)

02/21/2010 KVHA Midget Tornadoes (4) vs. Seattle Jr. Midget Badgers (0)

02/27/2010 KVHA Midget Tornadoes (13) vs. Everett Midget Kodiaks (0)

03/10/2010 KVHA Midget Tornadoes (6) vs. Kitsap County Midget Outlaw Red (0)

02/21/2010 KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects (1) vs. Portland Midget Jr. Hawks (4)
 02/27/2010 KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects (1) vs. Puget Sound Midget Tier-II (5)
 02/28/2010 KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects (1) vs. Puget Sound Midget Tier-II (7)
 03/06/2010 KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects (3) vs. Portland Midget Jr. Hawks (6)
 03/07/2010 KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects (3) vs. Portland Midget Jr. Hawks (6)

KVIC & KVHA Rink Notes:

Spring & Summer Programs – Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) and Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC) recently announced a host of Spring & Summer hockey programs. These programs provide a variety of ways to keep your young hockey player active in the off-season and through the summer. You will find the full lineup of programs, front and center, on www.KentValleyHockey.com.

NPSHL League Final Standings

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 10 March, 2010 – Kent Valley teams fared well in NPSHL League play this season. Kent Valley Midgets, Squirts and Mites earned first place standings in their respective divisions while Bantams finished 5th, PeeWee Tornados finished 4th and PeeWee Hurricanes finished 9th. These teams are now involved in playoffs.

NPSHL Midget League	GP	W	L	T	SP	PTS	GF	GA	PCT
KVHA Tornados	16	15	1	0	12	42	106	15	0.938
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Grey	16	12	3	1	12	37	71	29	0.781
SJHA Eagles	16	10	3	3	10	33	86	33	0.719
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Green	16	11	5	0	11	33	90	38	0.688
SJHA Badgers	16	10	6	0	9	29	71	39	0.625
SJHA Blades	16	8	6	2	8	26	81	48	0.563
KCHA Outlaws Black	16	6	9	1	12	25	58	64	0.406
KCHA Outlaws Red	16	5	10	1	13	24	42	61	0.344
PSAHA Tomahawks	16	3	10	3	8	17	26	71	0.281
EYH Grizzlies	16	2	14	0	10	14	27	147	0.125
EYH Kodiaks	16	0	15	1	8	9	29	142	0.031

NPSHL Bantam League	GP	W	L	T	SP	PTS	GF	GA	PCT
EYH Grizzlies	16	13	2	1	12	39	49	16	0.844
SJHA Badgers	16	9	4	3	15	36	47	32	0.656
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Grey	16	7	5	4	11	29	33	30	0.563
SJHA Eagles	16	6	7	3	12	27	31	29	0.469
KVHA Tornados	16	5	7	4	13	27	37	46	0.438
KCHA Outlaws	16	7	8	1	10	25	46	47	0.469
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Green	16	4	10	2	12	22	33	41	0.313
EYH Kodiaks	16	4	12	0	13	21	19	54	0.250

NPSHL PeeWee League	GP	W	L	T	SP	PTS	GF	GA	PCT
KCHA Outlaws Black	16	15	0	1	16	47	93	18	0.969
SJHA Eagles	16	14	1	1	13	42	98	25	0.906
SJHA Spartans	16	12	3	1	13	38	86	24	0.781
KVHA Tornados	16	10	4	2	16	38	71	22	0.688
SJHA Badgers	16	10	5	1	15	36	81	33	0.656
SJHA Blades	16	9	4	3	15	36	53	33	0.656
KCHA Outlaws Red	16	8	8	0	16	32	45	50	0.500
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Green	16	5	11	0	15	25	41	69	0.313
KVHA Hurricanes	16	5	9	2	12	24	29	49	0.375
EYH Kodiaks	16	4	11	1	14	23	21	96	0.281
EYH Grizzlies	16	3	11	2	13	21	40	75	0.250
WWFHA Phoenix	16	0	15	1	16	17	19	103	0.031
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Grey	16	0	13	3	8	11	15	95	0.094

NPSHL Squirt League	GP	W	L	T	SP	PTS	GF	GA	PCT
KVHA Tornados	16	15	0	1	13	44	81	11	0.969
EYH Kodiaks	16	12	1	3	15	42	76	27	0.844
SJHA Blades	16	12	2	2	15	41	71	31	0.813

KCHA Outlaws	16	12	4	0	16	40	67	30	0.750
PSAHA Tomahawks White	16	10	6	0	16	36	51	34	0.625
EYH Grizzlies	16	8	6	2	15	33	60	52	0.563
SJHA Badgers	16	9	6	1	12	31	84	66	0.594
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Grey	16	6	10	0	16	28	38	54	0.375
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue	16	5	10	1	16	27	30	49	0.344
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Green	16	4	9	3	16	27	38	52	0.344
SJHA Eagles	14	4	9	1	14	23	31	66	0.321
PSAHA Tomahawks Blue	16	2	13	1	16	21	36	85	0.156
PCMH Spitfires	16	2	13	1	15	20	14	78	0.156
SJHA Bulldogs	16	2	14	0	15	19	16	58	0.125

NPSHL Mite League	GP	W	L	T	SP	PTS	GF	GA	PCT
KVHA Tornadoes	16	14	2	0	16	44	135	38	0.875
SJHA Admirals Red	16	13	2	1	14	41	78	41	0.844
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue	16	13	3	0	13	39	100	40	0.813
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Grey	16	11	4	1	16	39	117	47	0.719
SJHA Eagles	16	8	6	2	15	33	84	58	0.563
EYH Grizzlies	16	8	6	2	14	32	71	80	0.563
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Green	16	7	6	3	15	32	91	83	0.531
SJHA Blades	16	7	8	1	15	30	77	70	0.469
SJHA Admirals Black	15	4	7	4	14	26	70	66	0.400
EYH Kodiaks	16	3	12	1	16	23	39	102	0.219
PCMH Spitfires	16	4	12	0	13	21	32	103	0.250
KCHA Outlaws	15	3	11	1	13	20	42	131	0.233
PSAHA Tomahawks	16	0	16	0	16	16	26	103	0.000

NPSHL Playoff Results for Kent Valley Teams:

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 10 March, 2010 – Below are the results of NPSHL playoff games involving Kent Valley teams:

Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes (6) vs. Kitsap County Outlaw Red (0)

The Tornadoes move on to play SnoKing Green at Kent Valley Ice Centre on Saturday March 13th at 10:20am

Kent Valley Bantam Tornadoes (1) vs. Seattle Jr. Eagles (2)

The playoff format for the Bantam Division, NPSHL league with the fewest number teams (8), is single elimination. Unfortunately, the NPSHL playoffs are over for the Tornadoes.

Kent Valley PeeWee Hurricanes (1) vs. WWFHA Phoenix (5)

The Hurricanes will face SnoKing PeeWee Grey in the Consolation Round at KVIC on Saturday March 13th at 9:10am.

Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes (3) vs. Seattle Jr. Badgers (2)

Next up for the Tornadoes is Kitsap County Outlaw Black in Bremerton on Saturday March 13th at 4:15pm.

Mite Tornadoes Beat SKAHA Jr. T-Birds Blue 3-1; Win the NPSHL Mite Division!

Story contributed by JR Jenkins

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 27 February, 2010 –The Kent Valley Mite Tornadoes finished their 2009-2010 NPSHL Mite Division campaign the same way they started – with a victory on home ice. With the 3-1 victory over the SKAHA Jr. T-Birds Blue the Tornadoes took their record to a sterling 14-2 and topped the NPSHL Mite standings with 44 points. Second place finishers, SJHA Admirals Red were 3 points back, while two SKAHA teams, Grey and Blue, both finished 5 points back of the Tornadoes.

The NPSHL schedulers deserve a round of applause for their anticipation skills as they managed to stage a final game "winner take the crown" battle between SKAHA Blue and the Tornadoes. Both teams were 13-2 coming into the game and, amazingly, had not played each other either in regular season or tournament play. The Tornadoes entered the game with the league's most explosive offense and lowest goals allowed, but the T-Birds Blue were a potent team with an equally impressive goals against average. It promised to be a close hard fought game – and both teams delivered.

The first period was tight, with puck carriers put under constant pressure and shots on goal few and far between. Still, goaltenders Austin Schwab and Brett Jenkins had to be sharp, and neither was willing to concede the first goal stopping all shots that came their way. Schwab robbed Danny Smith with a beautiful sliding glove save and Jenkins turned back Alonzo Colburn on a strong rush down the right side with a nifty kick save.

The second period saw both teams double their shots on goal – but only KVHA found the twine. Oliver Carlson broke the scoreless tie with a strong rush up the middle, shot, and rebound whack that beat the Blue keeper and put the Tornadoes up 1-0. The next goal for the Mites came off of the stick of Lexi Doner Jr. and gave the Tornadoes an all important 2-0 lead. The goal featured assists from Andrew Alonzo and Trevor Mertel, and was a beautiful combination of crisp passing and heads up attack. This combo – Doner Jr. Alonzo, & Mertel will no doubt play a big hand in the success of next year's KVHA Mite team and will get more than their fair share of ink on the scoring sheet!

Brett Jenkins turned back all 4 shots sent his way in the second and the Tornado defense was vigilant and determined in keeping the T-Birds Blue attack off center, and without rebounds.

The third period saw back and forth action – and more strong play from the young goaltenders. Finally, with just 1:30 left in the game T-Birds blue pulled their goaltender in an attempt to get on the board. However, Danny Smith was able to put pressure on the puck carrier, secure the puck, and let go an 80-footer from just inside the blue line to score the empty netter, secure the division title, and allow all the Tornado parents to break into cheers!

Jenkins lost his shutout with just 26 seconds left in the game as Trevor Lundy was able to make one last rush past the Tornado defense and barely beat Jenkins to the glove side skipping the shot just off the cuff of the glove. The last 25 seconds were uneventful – and as the buzzer sounded the end of the NPSHL regular season, horns sounded to mark ascension of the Tornadoes as regular season champs!!

The final stats speak of a special team who dominated on both sides of the puck, played a clean game, and rose to every challenge during the long 2009-2010 season. Notable points include:

- The Tornadoes were never out of first place – staying in first place from wire to wire.
- The Tornadoes earned all 16 of their sportsmanship points, a testament to their discipline, gentlemanly play, smarts, and stellar coaching.
- The Tornadoes earned an incredible 44 points (out of 48 possible).
- The Tornadoes lead the league in scoring with 135 goals, 18 more than second and 35 more than the third most prolific team.
- The Tornadoes had the lowest goals against average in the league giving up a stingy 38 goals in 16 games. 8 of the remaining teams gave up more than twice that number!

Some notable individual achievements include:

- Danny Smith scored an incredible 39 goals in 15 games. He accounted for 29% of all Tornado goals, scored a goal in every game, had 8 hat tricks, and outscored 2 other NPSHL TEAMS!
- Oliver Carlson led Tornado defenseman with 18 goals!
- The lethal combination of Jake Sordahl (19) and Kemper Terry (14) accounted for 33 goals, more than 2 a game.
- The younger half of the team (those who will be Mites next year) made huge contributions to the winning season. Zach Johnston (11), Andrew Alonzo (10), Trevor Mertel (9), & Lexi

Doner Jr (8) combined for 38 goals and suggest that next year's Mites should, again, be a strong team!

- Brett Jenkins, a first year player, backstopped the Tornados in goal with 2 shut-outs, 5 1-goal games, and the lowest Goals Against in the league.
- The Tornado defense – Caed Kim, Davis Fjeld, Noah Koester, Chase Pagen, Gage Gessner & Oliver Carlson – made life generally miserable and frustrating for the opposition, lifting sticks, blocking lanes, and clearing the zone via the BOARDS again and again.

Tornado Parent achievements included:

- No one forgot snack!
- Only one forgotten jersey (and we had a back-up!)
- No lost equipment!
- Everyone made it to road games without getting (seriously) lost!
- Everyone lived up their USA Hockey Parent Conduct Code!
- Lots of fun; Lots of encouragement; Lots of laughs!

Here's the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	2	8:25	Oliver Carlson (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	13:35	Lexi Doner Jr. from Trevor Mertel & Andrew Alonzo
Kent Valley	3	11:02	Danny Smith (Empty Net & Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	11:34	Trevor Lundy (Unassisted)
Kent Valley's Brett Jenkins stopped 9 of 10 shots on goal for 90%. SnoKing's Austin Schwab stopped 15 of 17 for 88%. Kent Valley skated penalty free while SnoKing had one minor penalty for 2 minutes.			

Mite Tornados Roll Over EYH Kodiaks in Everett, 10-1

Story contributed by JR Jenkins

Everett Community Ice Rink, Everett, WA 20 February, 2010 – The Kent Valley Mite Tornados improved their season record to 13-2 with a dominating performance at the Everett Community Rink, topping the EYH Kodiaks 10-1. The Mite Tornados now sit on top of the NPSHL, tied with two teams in winning percentage, but ahead on points, going into the last week of the season. SKAHA Jr. T-Birds Blue, also 13-2, visit the Kent Valley Ice Centre this Saturday in what promises to be an exciting finale to the 2009 / 2010 season.

In typical Tornado fashion the scoring was evenly distributed. Lexi Doner Jr., Zach Johnston, Oliver Carlson, and Jake Sordahl each scored twice for the Tornados, while Trevor Mertel and Danny Smith each scored once. In addition to his goal, Smith had four assists!

The Tornados got off to a fast start, scoring just 15 seconds into the game with Zach Johnston finding twine quickly. Oliver Carlson made it 2-0 just one minute later. Danny Smith assisted on both goals. The Kodiaks, who spent most of the game in their own defensive zone, and were hard pressed to carry into the Tornado end with control of the puck, did manage to elude the Tornado defense near the mid-point of the first period, with Nikolai Gusinsky carrying the puck deep in to the zone and getting off a hard, high shot that beat Tornado goaltender Brett Jenkins to stick side. This would be the Kodiaks lone goal of the game.

Lexi Doner Jr. got the goal back for the Tornados just two minutes later going top shelf on the right side to beat the Everett goaltender Garner Christensen. Doner Jr. scored two in the game – and his shot continues to mature, picking up both speed and movement.

The second and third periods were dominated by the Tornados – with special notice given to Jake Sordahl for his hard skating and shooting and to Andrew Alonzo for his energetic

buzzing in the offensive zone. Tornado fans were happy to see both Alonzo and Doner Jr. back in the mix. The Tornado defense made life miserable for the Kodiak forwards, allowing very little time or space in both the neutral zone or the Tornado defensive zone. Davis Fjeld and Zach Johnston showed an amazing display of on-ice awareness in the third when Davis carried the puck deep into the offensive zone – on the opposite side of his usual station at the blue line. Zach saw the play develop and cruised to Davis’s position to support the weak side. As soon as the puck was deep into the corner, Davis turned and motioned to switch with Zach. Beautiful coverage and communication by both players!!!

Brett Jenkins picked up his 13th league win of the year. And while Garner Christensen gave up 10 goals, he was under constant pressure and made many quality saves.

The Tornadoes final league game of the season is this Saturday at 9:10AM versus the SKAHA Jr. T-Birds Blue.

Below is the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	:15	Zach Johnston from Danny Smith
Kent Valley	1	1:11	Oliver Carlson from Danny Smith
Everett	1	6:12	Everett Goal
Kent Valley	1	9:09	Lexi Doner Jr. from Danny Smith
Kent Valley	1	11:41	Jake Sordahl from Kemper Terry
Kent Valley	1	13:41	Trevor Mertel from Andrew Alonzo
Kent Valley	2	7:10	Lexi Doner Jr. from Jake Sordahl
Kent Valley	2	13:39	Danny Smith from Zack Johnston
Kent Valley	2	14:15	Zach Johnston from Danny Smith
Kent Valley	3	7:42	Jake Sordahl (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	7:59	Oliver Carlson (Unassisted)
Shots on goal were not recorded. Each team had one minor penalty.			

KVHA Mite Tornadoes reach final, take 2nd Place at 2010 Daffodil Tournament

Story contributed by JR Jenkins

Puget Sound Hockey Center, Tacoma, WA 15 February, 2010 – The Kent Valley Mite Tornadoes skated to a 2nd place medal/trophy at the 2010 Daffodil Hockey Tournament in Tacoma, Washington on President’s Day weekend. The Tornadoes cruised through their first 3 games, beating teams from Pierce County, Portland, and the Tri-Cities before falling in the final in a thrilling, hard fought game with Spokane 4-3. The Tornadoes, who relied heavily on two offensive lines, displayed great tenacity, energy and creativity in the offensive zone to score 25 goals while only giving up 9. The Tornadoes outshot their opponents 91-37 in four games.

Congratulations to the Mite Tornadoes for putting together a great tournament run and for representing Kent Valley so well. Special thanks as well to Coaches Steve Mertel and Harry Smith who did a brilliant job working with a smaller roster than usual – but keeping the boys focused on the keys to winning (teamwork, hard skating, shooting!). This tournament was a great experience for our team and their families and we were all very proud of the Tornadoes exemplary performance both on and off the ice.

Game summaries follow.

Game 1: Mite Tornadoes outshoot PCMH Spitfires 30-2, win 5-0

The Tornadoes opened the tournament with a game against the PCMH Spitfires, winning 5-0. The Tornadoes dominated this game from start to finish – and if not for the great goaltending by Nathan Leach for the Spitfires the score would have been extremely lopsided. The Tornadoes outshot the Spitfires 30-2. Leach was very effective stopping all low shots and keeping the Tornadoes from hitting double digits.

Kemper Terry led the way with two goals for the Tornadoes. He also skated with great energy, showing an incredible commitment on the forecheck and in the neutral zone.

Most notable in this game was the incredible work effort by the Tornado forwards and two highlight reel pass, shot, score plays from the two different lines. On the first play, Danny Smith sent a long backhand shot towards the net only to be stopped by the PING of the goal post. Danny quickly skated to the puck, regained position and wheeled around in the corner letting a centering pass go which was immediately re-directed by a waiting Zach Johnston for a beautiful goal.

The second play was on a rush lead by Jake Sordahl who entered the zone with the puck, skating hard down the left side. Kemper Terry joined the rush down the right wing. Jake held the puck, froze the goalie and delivered a quick snap pass that Kemper buried with a “knee on the ice one-timer” – just a beautiful play!!

Kemper and Danny both added goals to the scoring sheet – as did Trevor Mertel scoring the final marker in the third period. Trevor scored his goal after a hard collision near the net that kept him down on the ice for a few minutes. Bravo to Trevor for showing such determination to not just get back up and contribute to the team victory, but to also not lose his drive for the net.

Brett Jenkins only faced 2 shots in this game – and stopped them both.

The Spitfires committed 5 penalties, the Tornadoes two.

Game 1 – PCMH Spitfires V. KVHA Tornadoes Puget Sound Hockey Arena February 13, 2010			
1 st Period Summary			
Time	Team	Scoring Detail	Score
4:43	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith (Unassisted)	KVHA 1-0
14:50	KVHA Tornadoes	Kemper Terry (Unassisted)	KVHA 2-0
2 nd Period Summary			
11:03	KVHA Tornadoes	Zach Johnston from Danny Smith	KVHA 3-0
3 rd Period Summary			
6:59	KVHA Tornadoes	Kemper Terry from Jake Sordahl	KVHA 4-0
7:19	KVHA Tornadoes	Trevor Mertel (Unassisted)	KVHA 5-0
Penalty Summary			
Period	Team	Player	Detail
PCMH had 5 penalties for 14 minutes, KVHA had 2 penalties for 4 minutes PCMH goalie Nathan Leach stopped 25 of 30 shots for 83% KVHA Tornadoes goalie Brett Jenkins stopped 2 of 2 shots for 100%			

Game 2: KVHA Mite Tornadoes Tame the Portland Yellow Jackets 9-0

Game 2 saw the Tornadoes take on the Yellow Jackets from Portland Junior Hockey. Like with their opener, the Tornadoes were the much stronger team, scoring 3 goals per period and keeping the Yellow Jackets to just 6 shots for the entire game. Danny Smith had a 5 point game (hat trick + two assists), Kemper Terry netted a hat track, and Zach Johnston scored twice to lead the Tornadoes.

Game 2 – PJH Yellow Jackets V. KVHA Tornadoes Puget Sound Hockey Arena February 14, 2010			
1 st Period Summary			
Time	Team	Scoring Detail	Score
:20	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith from	KVHA 1-0

		Trevor Mertel	
3:30	KVHA Tornadoes	Kemper Terry (Unassisted)	KVHA 2-0
5:07	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith (Unassisted)	KVHA 3-0
2 nd Period Summary			
:58	KVHA Tornadoes	Zach Johnston from Danny Smith	KVHA 4-0
3:04	KVHA Tornadoes	Jake Sordahl (Unassisted)	KVHA 5-0
8:05	KVHA Tornadoes	Kemper Terry from Danny Smith	KVHA 6-0
3 rd Period Summary			
6:59	KVHA Tornadoes	Kemper Terry (Hat Trick & Unassisted)	KVHA 7-0
7:19	KVHA Tornadoes	Zach Johnston from Chase Pagan	KVHA 8-0
8:50	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith (Hat Trick & Unassisted)	KVHA 9-0
Penalty Summary			
Period	Team	Player	Detail
PJH had 1 penalty for 3 minutes, KVHA had 2 penalties for 5 minutes			
PJH goalie Quillon Bowman stopped 23 of 32 shots for 72%			
KVHA Tornadoes goalie Brett Jenkins stopped 6 of 6 shots for 100%			

Game 3: KVHA Mite Tornadoes Beat the Tri-Cities Sharks 8-5

Game 3 saw the Tornadoes rally from a 2 goal deficit to take an 8-5 victory over the Tri Cities Sharks in the third game of their Daffodil tournament schedule. This win propelled the Tornadoes into the final game against Spokane. The most notable performances were a hat track from Davis Fjeld, the first of his career, and 4 goals scored by Danny Smith. Danny and Davis accounted for all but one of the Tornado goals!

The Sharks got off to a quick start, taking a 2-0 lead 6 minutes in. Danny Smith was able to score on a pass from Trevor Mertel near the end of the first to get the Tornadoes on the scoreboard.

As in many of our regular season games, the Tornado defense sparked a big comeback in the second period. First, Oliver Carlson got things going with a strong rush to the net and nice wrister at the 10 minute mark to tie the game. Just one minute later, Davis Fjeld came down the right wing and let go a beautiful shot near the bottom of the slot. Davis was being pestered the whole way into the zone and showed great determination in both controlling the puck and getting off such a quality shot.

5 minutes later Jake Sordahl outworked the Shark defense winning a puck just to the top of the face-off circle in the Sharks zone. Jake boxed out his man, turned to buy himself a bit of working room and let go with a beautiful backhand pass to the center slot area, where Davis Fjeld corralled and fired in one motion, beating the keeper to the glove side.

The Sharks did not go easily in the third however, scoring two to re-tie the game at 4 just 4 minutes into the frame. However, there was just too much Danny Smith and Davis Fjeld in the third period, with Danny scoring 3 in the period and Davis netting his 3rd on a nice play from Kemper Terry.

Brett Jenkins turned away some big breakaway chances – and kept the Sharks from building a big lead early on. Brett made 12 saves on 17 shots.

This victory clinched the “National Division” for the Tornadoes – and earned them the right to play for the Daffodil championship the following day versus the Spokane Jr. Chiefs. The two teams played each other in the SKAHA tournament earlier in the year – and had skated to a 3-3 tie. This promised to be a very good championship game.

Game 3 – Tri Cities Sharks V. KVHA Tornadoes Puget Sound Hockey Centre

February 14, 2010			
1 st Period Summary			
Time	Team	Scoring Detail	Score
4:30	Tri-Cities	Not Available	TCS 1-0
5:40	Tri-Cities	Not Available	TCS 2-0
11:27	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith from Trevor Mertel	TCS 2-1
2 nd Period Summary			
1:50	KVHA Tornadoes	Oliver Carlson (Unassisted)	2-2
8:16	KVHA Tornadoes	Davis Fjeld (Unassisted)	KVHA 3-2
9:50	KVHA Tornadoes	Davis Fjeld from Jake Sordahl	KVHA 4-2
3 rd Period Summary			
:30	Tri-Cities	Not Available	KVHA 4-3
4:05	Tri-Cities	Not Available	4-4
6:22	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith (Unassisted)	KVHA 5-4
6:55	Tri-Cities	Not Available	5-5
7:37	KVHA Tornadoes	Davis Fjeld (Hat Trick) from Kemper Terry	KVHA 6-5
8:54	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith (Hat Trick & Unassisted)	KVHA 7-5
10:26	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith (Unassisted)	KVHA 8-5
Penalty Summary			
Period	Team	Player	Detail
No Penalties			
Tri-Cities goalie William Currie stopped 18 of 26 shots for 69%			
KVHA Tornadoes goalie Brett Jenkins stopped 12 of 17 shots for 71%			

Game 4 – KVHA Mite Tornadoes Battle to the End; Fall 4-3 in Final

The championship game started well for the Tornadoes as Danny Smith put one past the Spokane net minder just 90 seconds into the game for a quick 1-0 lead. The Tornadoes traditionally start slow – so this quick start seemed to be a very good sign. However, the Spokane Jr Chiefs got on the board quickly, as Derek Humphreys was able to knock the puck past a sprawling Brett Jenkins during a scramble in front of the net.

The Chiefs were able to score 3 more in the period – to take a 4-1 lead. The Tornadoes had their work cut out for them – but set to work in the second period to chip away at the lead. Play was even through most of the 2nd period, but the Tornadoes Trevor Mertel scored a big goal to pull within two. The goal was a good, old fashioned grunt work in front of the net and Trevor described it as "just trickling in". Brett Jenkins made a big stop on a Chief rush late in the 2nd only to be on the receiving end of a double minor slash / spear from the overly aggressive Chief forward. Brett shook off the injury and was able to continue but the Tornadoes could not convert on the 6-minute power play opportunity.

The third period saw the Tornadoes outshoot the Chiefs 7-2 in a great effort to equal the score. With just 1:13 on the clock Jake Sordahl netted a beautiful rising forehand to pull the Tornadoes to within 1. On the ensuing face-off, the Tornadoes pulled Brett Jenkins from the goal and hit the ice with a 6th attacker. The last 50 seconds was spent entirely in the Chief zone with the Tornadoes buzzing, looking for the equalizer. With just 10 seconds left a quality shot was fired, but just missed the mark and the Chiefs were able to drain the clock and claim the championship trophy, winning 4-3.

Credit to the Chiefs for playing very sound defensive hockey – they took away the front of the net for long stretches of the game – and moved the puck very well in their own end. They were opportunistic in the Tornado zone, and despite being outshot, 13-12, were able to net one more goal than the Tornadoes. All of the Chief goals were scramble, scrum type

goals, and they took advantage of the few Tornado mistakes in the defensive zone to net 4 goals.

The Tornadoes, however, never gave up, skated hard to the very last second, and had Spokane on their heels most of the third period. This was a fantastic Daffodil Final – and it ended with both teams shaking hands, and receiving some well earned hardware for their efforts. The Tornadoes earned some very nice 2nd place medals – and Coach Steve Mertel was awarded the 2nd place finisher trophy.

Game 4 – Spokane Jr. Chiefs V. KVHA Tornadoes			
Puget Sound Hockey Arena			
February 15, 2010			
1 st Period Summary			
Time	Team	Scoring Detail	Score
1:50	KVHA Tornadoes	Danny Smith from Trevor Mertel	KVHA 1-0
3:05	Spokane Jr. Chiefs	Derek Humphreys (Unassisted)	1-1
4:45	Spokane Jr. Chiefs	Alex Moore (Unassisted)	Spokane 2-1
10:36	Spokane Jr. Chiefs	Liam Bland from Collin Adams	Spokane 3-1
10:52	Spokane Jr. Chiefs	Liam Bland (Unassisted)	Spokane 4-1
2 nd Period Summary			
9:10	KVHA Tornadoes	Trevor Mertel from Danny Smith	Spokane 4-2
3 rd Period Summary			
10:47	KVHA Tornadoes	Jake Sordahl (Unassisted)	Spokane 4-3
Penalty Summary			
Period	Team	Player	Detail
2 nd	Spokane	Alex Moore	3:00 for Slashing
2 nd	Spokane	Alex Moore	3:00 for Spearing
3 rd	Spokane	Trevor Jones	2:00 for Hooking
3 rd	Spokane	Collin Adams	2:00 for Tripping
Spokane goalie Casey Hocking stopped 10 of 13 shots for 77%, KVHA Tornadoes goalie Brett Jenkins stopped 8 of 12 shots for 66%			

Final Thoughts and a Player by Player Review

Tournaments are both training and proving grounds for young players.

On the training front, they get to experience playing against teams from a wider net than just our NPSHL, with differing skill sets and styles. They also experience the pressure of playing a tightly packed schedule, and with each game being critical to the final standings. Every game, as it were, is the final game. Here, the emotions and mental aspects of the game are sometimes the more difficult to control. Whether it is nerves or jitters or excitement, the boys all feel something that doesn't come along each week during the regular season. Learning to play with these emotions and thoughts is critical to the development of each of the boys – not just as hockey players, but as young people learning to balance the art of self-control in situations that are often not in their control.

On the "proof" front, our team demonstrated a great year of progress in their abilities as players. I was most impressed by their tremendous energy and focus in this tournament and these are some of the notable traits we not only demonstrated, but succeeded with:

- They skated with great passion when in control of the puck – heads up, looking for openings or teammates or a scoring chance – and skated equally hard to get the puck if in the control of the opponents.
- After a long year of work and focus the team is passing and receiving the puck now at a level that has only been achieved by a very small number of teams we've seen this year. During

the tournament we saw several successful pass, shot, score combinations, but even more exciting was the sheer number attempted!

- The team is void of a single selfish, angry player. I marvel at the efficiency, passion, energy, and desire that our boys carry with them into the corners or into scrums when battling for the puck. I'm even more amazed that they never carry anger – only a healthy desire to mix it up, get dirty, and get the puck!

Here too is a player by player review of their most notable accomplishments during the Daffodil Tournament.

#1: Trevor Mertel: Trevor netted 2 goals and added 3 assists. He skated hard, filled scoring lanes and drove to the net with the desire of a true goal scorer. He was also disciplined in the neutral zone when chasing or winning pucks from the other side. Trevor, in general, plays fearlessly, is slick on his skates, and works hard. For a very long time, he was one of the few players who would find the slot and look to ram home a one-time (others are catching on that that is a good idea!) He also shook off a crash in game 1 showing some real grit!

#2: Zach Johnston: Zach was awarded our "Unsung Hero" award during the tournament – and his play during the tourney was indicative of all of the criteria of the award. Zach skates like a go-kart moves; 0-50 in about 3 seconds. He is savvy in filling lanes, both finds and earns the puck in scrums, and has a beautiful move in the corners that buys him space and time. With the puck on the front of the stick, and with the defender expecting a backhand toss into the center, Zach quickly re-orient himself in the other direction, but with the puck still on the forehand and him now facing the net. He pulled this move at least 5 times during the tournament, and it always results in a nifty centering pass. Zach scored 3 goals during the tournament.

#3: Logan Edmunds: Logan was asked to carry a lot of extra ice time during the tournament and he worked very hard on his half of the ice in the offensive zone. He was able to get off several shots and was a presence on the forecheck. Logan is skating with a great deal more confidence and power and shows the beginning signs of doing the same with his shot (it's getting more fluid and focused). Logan picked up a bodychecking penalty in Game 1 versus the Spitfires (a notoriously rough team) which was more tough play than rough play – and demonstrated his commitment to getting to the puck first.

#5: Davis Fjeld: Davis has always played a hard defense (note the Canadian spelling for his parents ☺) for the Tornadoes, and has shown flashes of brilliance in the offensive zone on several occasions. His hat trick in Game 3 was HUGE in terms of situation (we needed those goals!) and was also beautiful! Davis has a beautiful release of the puck, with a wonderful snap of the blade and scored all of those goals with great authority. He also has a skating style that is very unique – the Fjeld flow – but which keeps him well positioned to get off his good shot.

#8: Oliver Carlson: Oliver is our best puck moving defenseman, capable of making rushes like few on the team. During the tournament, Oliver focused heavily on defense (with our only running two lines up front, he had to really be disciplined about staying at home) and was a great contributor to our only giving up 8 shots in the first two games. His lone goal was HUGE in Game 3 as it brought the Tornadoes even and got them really rolling. Oliver, like Trevor, was injured in a pile up in front of the net, but was able to shake it off, and keep playing.

#9: Danny Smith: Danny netted 9 goals in 4 games along with 4 assists (a stunning 13 point performance) and was a rock in the face-off circle. Danny is a special player: a smooth skating, heads up center that is always dangerous in the attacking zone while also playing smart in the neutral zone. Danny consistently puts the puck on net, has a dangerous backhand and lethal forehand, and creates space for himself with his awareness of everything on the ice. He also attempts passes most other players can't yet see at this age. He's a very good teammate – and wears the weight of being one of our on-ice leaders with great dignity.

#10: Kemper Terry: Kemper has always been a slick skater with a fine shot, but his performance during the tournament was (dare I say it) Ovechkin like (without the hitting, or the missing tooth ☺). Kemper skated with such energy in games 1-3 that I was exhausted from watching him. He simply out worked and out skated many of the opponents – giving them little rest when they had the puck. Kemper ended the tournament with 5 goals and 1 assist (and one hat trick) and a handful of great passes and (what had to be) some very tired out legs!

#11: Brett Jenkins: Brett made many fine saves, stopped several break-aways and despite giving up 4 goals in the first period of the final game, stayed mentally tough and stopped all shots in the second and third period to give the Tornadoes a chance to come back. Brett also played through

pain after being on the receiving end of double minor (slash/spear) whack to the forearm in the final that kept him down on the ice for several minutes. Brett stopped 28 of 37 shots in the tournament and provides the boys with some confidence knowing he is back there to make life hard on opposing shooters.

#12: Jake Sordahl: Jake played some beautiful hockey – netting 2 goals and setting up 2 others. His 2 assists were works of art, the first one in Game 1 (to Kemper) was arguably the sweetest assists I’ve seen all year. It was worthy of a Hockey Night in Canada reel! Jake also assisted on one of Davis Fjeld’s big goals in Game 3. He also scored with just over a minute left in the final game to pull the Tornadoes to within one goal and was tireless in the last 60 seconds pressing for the equalizer!

#14: Noah Koester: Noah held the blue line with great determination, cleared pucks from his zone with great energy, and was a constant thorn in the opponent’s side in the neutral zone. Noah took a very well advised penalty to prevent a clear breakaway. Noah drove the puck deep into the attacking zone several times, making life miserable for the opponents as they tried to clear the zone.

#15: Chase Pagen: Chase is a wedge of a defenseman with great balance and big shoulders who is tough to knock off the puck and quick to get to it. Chase was a big part of the defensive core that allowed only 47 shots in 4 games and contributed to some exciting scoring chances, just missing a sweet wrap-around attempt and coming very close to finding twine in the midst of a scrum. Chase assisted on one of Zach Johnston’s goals in game 2.

#16: Caedmon Kim: Caedmon skated hard all weekend, was efficient with this passing and played a strong positioning game. Steady at the blue line, and good at clearing out pucks around the net, Caedmon is part of the crucial defense core that can take pride in keeping the shot totals extremely low for the opponents. Caed also shows great determination when attacking on keeping the puck in the zone, or, better yet, driving it back down the boards where Tornado forwards can work their magic.

#17: Gage Gessner: Gage saw a lot of ice time in the tournament, played solid defense and continues to improve when on the blue line in the attacking zone. Gage prevented at least 4 (by my count) break-aways on Jenkins with some extremely hard skating into the defensive zone before whirling around to disturb, distract, or discourage the attacking player. In the offensive zone, Gage worked a strong blue line – moving the puck deep on several occasions – and showing glimpses of seeing more of the ice in front of the opposing goaltender as a possible place to attack!

Congratulations to the KVHA Mite Tornadoes on a memorable and successful 2010 Daffodil Hockey Tournament!

Go Tornadoes!!!

Midget Tornadoes get the Playoff Monkey off their backs

Story Contributed by Mary McDonald

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 6 March, 2010 – With a scary scenario about to unfold for the second year in a row, the Tornadoes hosted Bremerton Red on Saturday in the first round of the playoffs. With the proverbial year old monkey on their backs, the Tornadoes were determined not to let history repeat itself. A minute and 23 seconds into the first period the white line would score a power play goal and the team would not look back. Staying out of the penalty box and holding the Reds to only 10 shots, the Tornadoes proved that they deserved to finish in first place in the NPSHL and earn home ice advantage throughout the playoffs. The Tornadoes will face SnoKing Green in the second round Saturday the 13th at home at 10:20am.

Below is the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	10:37	Tommy Peebles from Paul Pinkoske and Brady Anderson (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	7:33	Kyle Miller Smith from Taylor Birkeland
Kent Valley	1	2:46	Taylor Birkeland from Kyle Miller Smith

Kent Valley	3	8:02	Brady Anderson from Paul Pinkoske and Tommy Peebles
Kent Valley	3	2:46	Tommy Peebles from Tanner Coughlin and Paul Pinkoske
Kent Valley	3	0:18	Kyle Miller Smith (Unassisted)
Kent Valley's Joshua Severeid stopped 10 of 10 shots on goal to earn the shutout Kitsap County's Zac Zabsla stopped 20 of 26 shots on goal for 77%. Kent Valley had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes while Kitsap County had 1 minor penalty and 1 major misconduct for 12 minutes.			

Have a great week!

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