

A Great 2009/2010 Season Winds Down for Kent Valley Teams

Kent, WA – KVHA News for 17 March, 2010 – I can't begin to give you all the reasons why this has been a great season for Kent Valley Hockey, perhaps the greatest ever... But, here are a few reasons off the top of my head:

- Our **Learn-to-Play Hockey** program enrollment is at an all-time high, an indication that our association is building for a bright future.
- Our **Mite Tornadoes**, our youngest players, had the best win/loss record of the 13 teams in the NPSHL Mite Division, an indication of future strength as these players move up in the years to come. The Tornadoes won 14 games while losing only 2 in NPSHL league play. They outscored their opponents 135 to 38. Additionally, they won all 16 possible sportsmanship points in NPSHL competition.
- Our **Squirt Tornadoes**, 9 & 10 year olds, finished in first place in the NPSHL league. They had the best record of the 14 teams in the division going undefeated in league play for the season with 15 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie. They outscored their opponents 81 to 11. The Tornadoes placed second in the NPSHL playoffs.
- The success of the Mite and Squirt Tornadoes also speaks well of the quality of our **Hockey Development Programs** over the past several years.
- Our **PeeWee Tornadoes**, ages 11 & 12, won the NPSHL playoffs.
- Our **PeeWee Tier-I Rainiers** brought the first ever CAN/AM Challenge to Kent Valley Ice Centre featuring four of the best PeeWee hockey teams from Canada and the USA.
- The **PeeWee Tier-I Rainiers** made history by becoming the first US team to take home the championship from the Annual Coca Cola Classic PeeWee AAA Tournament in Vernon, B.C.
- Our **Bantam Tier-I Elite**, ages 13 & 14, hosted a CAN/AM Challenge at Kent Valley Ice Centre featuring four of the best Bantam hockey teams from Canada and the USA.
- Our **Midget Tornadoes**, 15 to 18 year olds, won the Midget Apple Cup Tournament in Wenatchee, finished in first place in NPSHL league play and won the NPSHL playoffs. For some of the players, the Apple Cup victory was the first tournament championship of their hockey career.
- The **Thunderbird Community Sports Foundation** granted Kent Valley Hockey Association \$2,500 for the Learn to Play Hockey Program and \$5,000 for the player scholarship fund. This is just the beginning of our growing relationship with the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey Club in Kent.

These are just a few of the season high points. There are certainly many more and the season isn't over yet. I'm confident you and other readers could add to the list. Some of our teams still have tournaments to play before the 2009/2010 season is over. So, there are more good things to come. Send me your list of high points; I'd like to add to this...

Weekend Scores: Below are some scores from the past weekend. Some games are missing because the score sheets have not yet made it into Kent Valley Ice Centre and the desk of our Registrar. We'll try to report on those next week.

03/13/10 Win Kent Valley Squirt Tornadoes (4) vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks White (1)

03/14/10 SOL Kent Valley Squirt Tornadoes (1) vs. Seattle Jr. Squirt Blades (2)

03/13/10 Win Kent Valley PeeWee Hurricanes (4) vs. SnoKing PeeWee Grey (0)

03/13/10 Win Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes (3) vs. Kitsap County PeeWee Black (2)

03/14/10 Win Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes (4) vs. Kitsap County PeeWee Red (2)

03/13/10 Win Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes (4) vs. SnoKing Midget Green (1)
03/14/10 Win Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes (3) vs. SnoKing Midget White (2)

*SOL = Shootout Loss

KVIC & KVHA Rink Notes:

Spring and Summer Programs – A menu of spring and summer hockey programs is posted on the front page of www.KentValleyHockey.com. Check it out when you get a chance. The season may be over, but KVHA's hockey development program continues.

Squirt Tornadoes Fall in NPSHL Shoot Out

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 14 March, 2010 – The Tornadoes' season came down to a shoot out Sunday with the NPSHL Squirt Championship on the line. The Tornadoes defeated the Puget Sound Tomahawks White on Saturday by a score of 4 to 1. The win moved them into the final Sunday against the Seattle Jr. Blades.

In Saturday's game, Kent Valley's Sean Blair got the Tornadoes' offense moving with an unassisted goal late in the first period. Hojae Kwon increased the Tornadoes' lead to two goals with his unassisted goal late in the second period. Matthew Buttson scored early in the third period on assists from Sean Blair and Justin Pitzer. Just a minute later, the Tomahawks' John Nauman scored to launch a comeback. Nauman was assisted by Tristen Sampson. Less than a minute later Sean Blair shut down any Tomahawks hope for a comeback as he scored the final goal of the game on an assist from Justin Pitzer.

Puget Sound's Jonah Heuland faced 30 shots on goal from an intense Tornadoes offensive effort. Kent Valley's Alexander Bucci faced 17 shots on goal.

In Sunday's game, the NPSHL Squirt Final, the Kent Valley Tornadoes scored first as Brandon Lajoie and Elliott Bucci teamed up to give the Tornadoes a mid-game one goal lead. The Seattle Jr. Blades took advantage of a third period power play opportunity to tie a tight game 1 to 1. The game was tied at the end of regulation play and went to a best of three shoot out. Seattle Jr. Blades won the game and the NPSHL Championship in the shoot out 2 to 1.

Congratulations to the Kent Valley Squirt Tornadoes on their excellent season. The team finished in first place in the NPSHL regular season play with an impressive record of 15 wins, no losses and one tie. They were second in the NPSHL playoffs out of the 14-team league. They outscored their opponents 81 to 11 in league play. Very impressive!

Below are the scoring summaries from the two weekend games:

Kent Valley Tornadoes (4) vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks White (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	3:30	Sean Blair (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	3:06	Hojae Kwon (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	11:24	Matthew Buttson from Sean Blair & Justin Pitzer
Puget Sound	3	10:09	John Nauman from Tristen Sampson
Kent Valley	3	9:24	Sean Blair from Justin Pitzer
Kent Valley's Alexander Bucci stopped 16 of 17 shots on goal for 94%. Puget Sound's Jonah Heuland stopped 26 of 30 shots on goal for 87%. Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes while Puget Sound had 1 minor penalty for 3 minutes.			
Kent Valley Tornadoes (1) vs. Seattle Jr. Squirt Blades (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	2	10:00	Brandon Lajoie from Elliott Bucci
Seattle Jr.	3	9:58	Jordan Jackson-Brewer from Devon Steed (Power)

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Seattle Jr.	Shoot Out	Tied at the end of regulation play, Seattle Jr. won the game in a shoot out 2 to 1.
Kent Valley's Alexander Bucci stopped 12 of 13 shots on goal for 92%. Seattle Jr's Alex Garrett stopped 22 of 23 shots on goal for 96%. Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes while Seattle Jr. skated penalty free.		

PeeWee Hurricanes Shutout SnoKing Grey

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 13 March, 2010 – The Kent Valley Hurricanes ended their season on a high note Saturday with a 4-goal shutout win over SnoKing Grey. Camden Mallery scored two goals in the team effort. Mallery's first goal, a power play goal, was assisted by Blaine Reich. Blaine Reich also scored two goals; his first was unassisted, just two minutes after Mallery's to give the Hurricanes a two-goal lead. Mallery's second goal was assisted Kyle Prttila at 8:06 of the second period. Reich completed the Hurricanes scoring with his second goal at 6:40 of the third period on an assist from Camden Mallery.

Kent Valley's Ben Cary had the perfect game, earning a shutout by stopping 10 of 10 SnoKing shots on goal. The Tornados gave SnoKing four power play opportunities during the game but SnoKing was unable to capitalize on the power plays. Credit the strong defense of the Hurricanes for shutting down the SnoKing offense. SnoKing outshot the Hurricanes 10 to 8.

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	7:30	Camden Mallery from Blaine Reich (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	5:20	Blaine Reich (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	8:06	Camden Mallery from Kyle Pirttila
Kent Valley	3	6:40	Blaine Reich from Camden Mallery
Kent Valley's Ben Cary stopped 10 of 10 shots to earn the shutout. SnoKing's Vinay Pathak stopped 4 of 8 shots on goal for 50%. Kent Valley had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes while SnoKing had 2 minor penalties for 4 minutes.			

PeeWee Tornados Defeat Kitsap County Outlaws for NPSHL PeeWee Title

Bremerton Ice Arena, Bremerton, WA 14 March, 2010 –Kitsap County Black's Scott Perkins did his best to spoil Kent Valley's Saturday semi-final. Perkins put his team up two goals before Kent Valley's Thomas Speer scored two in a row of his own. Speer was assisted by Sage Hege and Landon Bevier on both of his goals. Mason Conner got the game winner for the Tornados with 26 seconds remaining in the contest. The win allowed the Kent Valley Tornados to move into Sunday's NPSHL final game against another Kitsap County team, the Outlaw Red.

Sunday's game was almost the reverse of Saturday's game as Kent Valley scored the first two goals of the game and Kitsap County scored the next two for the tie. Nicklas Pokrzywinski scored the Tornados' first goal, unassisted. Mason Conner caught the Outlaw Red sleeping on a power play and scored an unassisted and shorthanded goal to put the Tornados up 2 to 0. The Tornados lead lasted less than three minutes until Kitsap County's Ben Metzman scored with an assist from Kyle Forster. Two minutes later, the Red's William Donald scored the tying goal with help from Canada Taylor and Aidan Anderson. Elliot Plourde got the game winning goal on a power play with 4:40 remaining in the second period. Plourde was assisted by Mason Conner. The Tornados' Colin Bartlett took advantage of a power play opportunity and got the insurance goal early in the third period with an assist from Elliot Plourde. The Tornados strong defence held the line for the

10 minutes and 30 seconds remaining in the game to win the NPSHL PeeWee Playoff Championship.

The Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes finished in fourth place during the NPSHL regular season play. However, they took their best games to the NPSHL Playoffs for victory. Congratulations to Kent Valley's PeeWee Tornadoes.

The scoring summary is below:

Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes (3) vs. Kitsap County Outlaw Black (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kitsap County	1	5:21	Scott Perkins from Ruhnar Kay
Kitsap County	2	13:07	Scott Perkins from Dustin Summer
Kent Valley	2	1:07	Thomas Speer from Sage Hege & Landon Bevier
Kent Valley	3	3:41	Thomas Speer from Landon Bevier & Sage Hege
Kent Valley	3	0:26	Mason Conner (Unassisted)
Kent Valley's Carson Zadina stopped 10 of 12 shots on goal for 83%. Kitsap County's Chris Mitchell stopped 12 of 15 shots on goal for 80%. Kent Valley had 1 minor penalty for 3 minutes while Kitsap County skated penalty free.			
Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes (4) vs. Kitsap County Outlaw Red (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	2:42	Nicklas Pokrzywinski (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	14:42	Mason Conner (Unassisted & Shorthanded)
Kitsap County	2	11:36	Ben Metzman from Kyle Forster
Kitsap County	2	9:40	William Donald from Canada Taylor & Aidan Anderson
Kent Valley	2	4:40	Elliot Plourde from Mason Conner (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	10:53	Colin Bartlett from Elliot Plourde (Power Play)
Kent Valley's Carson Zadina stopped 11 of 13 shots on goal for 85%. Kitsap County's Brendan Taylor stopped 12 of 16 shots on goal for 75%. Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 7 minutes while Kitsap County had 4 minor penalties for 11 minutes.			

Midget Tornadoes Defeat SnoKing for NPSHL Midget Title

Story Contributed by Mary McDonald

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 13 March, 2010 – The Midget Tornadoes faced SnoKing twice this weekend to become NPSHL Champions. On Saturday they faced the SnoKing Green team in semi-final action. The first period saw lots of scoring and would end up 3-1 Kent at the end of the first. It was a scoreless second period and the third would see Kent score one, to end the game 4-1 Kent. The win assured the Tornadoes home ice against their rival SnoKing White, the very team that beat them in the New Year's tournament and put them out of the championship game.

NPSHL Championship Game – Kent Tornadoes vs. SnoKing White

14 March, 2010 – With home ice advantage, what seemed like 1000 fans in the stands, and Coach Bob promising to do the worm on the ice if the team won, the boys were pumped and ready to go. As you can imagine the atmosphere was tense from both locker rooms. With two boys on the team that have never won a championship, and in their whole hockey careers their first big win was the Apple Cup, they could taste victory. Pressure was on to prove that the season wasn't a fluke but that this team could go all the way and finish what it started. Both teams played very tentative in the first, with shots on goal being only 4-3 in favor of SnoKing. But, the second it opened up and Kent would start the scoring off 1:08

seconds into the second. SnoKing would answer back quickly just a minute and a half later with one of their own. Kent would turn around less than a minute later and steal the lead back. That would end the second period with Kent up 2-1. In the third Kent was looking to open up the scoring and they did at the 8:44 mark and would take a 3-1 lead. SnoKing would not give up and rallied two minutes later to make it 3-2. As the clock ticked down, and with only :21 seconds left and a face-off in the tornadoes end, in a last ditched effort SnoKing would pull the goalie and put on the extra attacker. But, they would not prevail. When the buzzer sounded you would see sticks and gloves fly in the air and 18 kids congratulating each other as if it were the final of game 7 of the Stanley Cup play-offs. Both teams battled hard, it was a fast game, clean game and great sportsmanship all around.

Special notes: 1.) The Tornadoes welcomed back #11 Blake Walsh who played with a splint on and still a couple of minor fractures in his wrist. 2.) Yes! Coach Bob DID do the worm and maybe if you talk to him he will show you the picture.....

Next up for the Tornadoes is the State B Tournament on the 19-21st of March. Their season will end when they participate in the "Battle For the Sound Tournament" in Bremerton on the 26th through 28th of March.

Here's the scoring summary for the two games:

Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes (4) vs. SnoKing Midget Green (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	10:59	Brady Anderson from Morgan Holman & Tommy Peebles
Kent Valley	1	4:47	Zac Cadiente from Blake Walsh & Julius Bush
SnoKing	1	1:19	Jason Roberson from Tyler Vanbeek
Kent Valley	1	0:50	Zac Cadiente from Brendan Laik
Kent Valley	3	2:06	Taylor Birkeland from Zac Cadiente
Kent Valley's Joshua Severeid stopped 15 of 16 shots on goal for 94%. SnoKing's Colin Adams stopped 21 of 25 shots on goal for 89%. Kent Valley had 2 minor penalties for 4 minutes while SnoKing had 1 minor penalty for 2 minutes.			
Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes (3) vs. SnoKing Midget White (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	2	10:52	Garrett Jones (Unassisted)
SnoKing	2	9:33	Nick Antonio from Matt Longcore
Kent Valley	2	8:46	Taylor Birkeland from Kyle Miller-Smith
Kent Valley	3	8:44	Garrett Jones from Paul Pinkoske
SnoKing	3	6:39	Derek Akers from Cam Moesch
Kent Valley's Joshua Severeid stopped 9 of 11 shots on goal for 82%. SnoKing's Justin Norgren stopped 24 of 27 shots on goal for 89%. Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes while SnoKing had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes.			

Have a great week!

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