



KVHA News – WHL Bantam Draft set for May 1, 2014, in Calgary – T-Birds Pick 16th

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. April 17, 2014 – Someone asked me the other day when the WHL Bantam Draft would be held this year. I can't remember now who it was, but here's the answer. The following is taken from the WHL web site at www.WHL.ca. Enjoy!

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The WHL Bantam Draft is held annually by the WHL to provide an orderly transfer of players to WHL Club Protected Player Lists (PPL). Once a player is selected by a WHL Club, he can only participate in tryout camps and other team activities for that Club. To attend the camp of another Club, the player must be dropped from his current Club's PPL.

The WHL Bantam Draft is typically held on the first Thursday in May, at which time WHL Clubs select players who have graduated from the Bantam age category. In the 2014 WHL Bantam Draft, 1999 born players will be eligible to be selected. All players in the proper age group and WHL territory are automatically eligible for the Draft, and do not need to file any sort of paperwork with the WHL Office. WHL territory includes:

- The four western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and BC.
- The U.S. states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, **Washington** and Wyoming.

The Draft order of selection is determined by where a WHL Club finishes in the WHL Regular Season standings. The Clubs that miss the playoffs are placed into a lottery to determine the selection order for the first round only. After the first round, the Clubs select in order from the fewest to most regular season points.

While the WHL Bantam Draft is the first opportunity for teams to select graduating Bantam players, it is not the last chance for a player to be listed or recruited by a WHL Club. After the Draft is completed, all remaining Bantam players become eligible to be listed by WHL Clubs, and many will be added as spots become available on a WHL Club PPL, or as player development improves at a higher level of hockey.

While the WHL Bantam Draft is an exciting day for young players, it is important to realize that many excellent players will not be selected on Draft day. For those players not selected, they will still have the opportunity to attend a WHL Training Camp and play in the League in the near future. Players who went undrafted in the Draft and went on to become WHL stars include:

- Joffrey Lupul – Medicine Hat Tigers, Toronto Maple Leafs
- Shea Weber – Kelowna Rockets, Nashville Predators
- Jarome Iginla – Kamloops Blazers, Pittsburgh Penguins
- Shane Doan – Kamloops Blazers, Phoenix Coyotes
- Tyler Ennis – Medicine Hat Tigers, Buffalo Sabres
- Dan Hamhuis – Prince George Cougars, Vancouver Canucks

Easter Sunday Stick n' Puck Sessions at KVIC

Check out the Stick n' Puck sessions scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 20th. When you're finished with church and Easter egg hunts, come on down to Kent Valley Ice Centre for a Stick n' Puck session. Adult Stick n' Puck sessions are at 9:45am and 7:00pm and the Kids Stick n' Puck sessions run at 11:00am and 5:15pm. Sunday's ice schedule is below:

Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday 	4	KVIC Adult Stick n' Puck \$11.50 (\$10.50 plus tax)	90 min.	9:15-9:45am 9:45-10:15am 10:15-10:45am ice-cut	6	 	
	3	KVIC Kids Stick n' Puck \$11.50 (\$10.50 plus tax)	90 min.	11:00-11:30am 11:30-12:00pm 12:00-12:30pm ice-cut	5		
	Public Skating Session			2:00pm to 5:00pm	Public Skating Session		
	3	KVIC Kids Stick n' Puck \$11.50 (\$10.50 plus tax)	90 min.	5:15-5:45pm 5:45-6:15pm 6:15-6:45pm ice-cut	5		
	4	KVIC Adult Stick n' Puck \$11.50 (\$10.50 plus tax)	90 min.	7:00-7:30pm 7:30-8:00pm 8:00-8:30pm	6		

Low Sellers to Head Kent Valley Hockey Association Board

Meet Low Sellers?

Low Sellers, KVHA's Director of Communications since 2006, was asked to step in as President of the KVHA Board of Directors. The Board approved the move on March 18th. Lexi Doner decided to step down as President of KVHA to be able to focus his full attention on the Kent Valley Ice Centre.

Sellers has been involved with KVHA since the second season of operation in 2004. He served as a team manager for several years until grandson Justin Sellers aged out at the end of the 2008/2009 season. He became Director of Communications in 2006 when he retired from a 44-year Information Technology career to occupy a desk in the front office of the Kent Valley Ice Centre and serve KVHA. Low manages the KVHA web site, writes and publishes a weekly newsletter (over 280 newsletters since 2006), supports KVHA marketing efforts and performs a variety of other KVHA related chores.

When not volunteering for KVHA, Low serves as a WHL Off-Ice Official with the Seattle Thunderbirds. The season just ended was Low's 36th season in that capacity. He also served as an Off-Ice Official for the Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Venue at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. During the 70's and 80's Low was active with the Eastside Amateur Hockey Association and served two terms as Vice President and one term as its President. He is also a former President of Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association and a former Vice President of the Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA).

In addition to a passion for ice hockey Low also serves his community in a variety of ways. He is currently the President of the Kent Community Foundation, serves on the board of the Thunderbird Community Sports Foundation, is a member of the Kent Regional Fire Authority Citizens Advisory Committee, is a member of the Kent School District Superintendent's Civic Leadership Group, serves as an Ex-Officio member of the Kent Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the ShoWare Center Public Facilities District Board.

Low and his wife Karen are retired and live in Kent. They recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Daughter Tammy Haywood and son Bob Sellers played youth hockey at Eastside Amateur Hockey Association and SnoKing Amateur Hockey. Both Bob and Tammy remain active in youth hockey. Bob is a coach at KVHA, serves as an On-Ice Official and plays in the Greater Seattle Hockey League. Tammy, a former goalie, is a hockey and figure skating mom. She is active in the Lakewood Skating Club.

Quote of the Day!

The True Meaning of Winning the Cup:

"To go 15 years between Cups is pretty surreal. I mean, the first one back in '95 was so exciting, just a dream come true. It was such an amazing accomplishment and something I had always hoped to achieve in my career. I was in my fourth year as a professional with

the Devils, and it was neat to see that team's progression as we got better and better each year leading up to that. Then in 2009, to win it with Pittsburgh was such a thrill. I had gotten traded midway through the year from the Islanders and was really excited to be part of that amazing Stanley Cup run. What made it so neat for me personally was that I now had my four kids to share it with. It was so emotional, just a wonderful moment I will never forget. I could really appreciate the journey this time around, the process of winning it."

Bill Guerin, Stanley Cup winner with New Jersey 1995 and Pittsburgh 2009

Quote from **Raising Stanley - NHL LEGENDS IN THEIR OWN WORDS** by Ross Bernstein

Editor's note: Bill Guerin is currently Player Development Coach for the Pittsburgh Penguins. A native of Wilbraham, Mass., Guerin also represented the U.S. in the Olympics in 1988, '02 and '06 and played in two World Cups in 1996 and '04. He won a silver medal at the 2002 Olympics and gold in the 1996 World Cup. Guerin was elected into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in 2013. Bill and his wife, Kara, have four children.

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