



Kent Valley Rainiers Name Billy Coupland Head Coach

Kent Valley Ice Centre - Kent, WA. 3 May, 2010 – The Kent Valley Rainiers are pleased to announce Billy Coupland as their head coach for the 2010-11 season and beyond. Billy was selected after an exhaustive candidate search to lead the Pacific Northwest's premier Tier 1 program. Following their Pacific District Pee Wee Tier 1 Championship and quarterfinal berth at the 2010 USA Hockey Tier 1 National Championships, the Rainiers are continuing the strong coaching tradition vital to the program's success. The Bantam division has unique challenges including physical development and scouting exposure. Billy Coupland brings a proven track record at the Bantam level of team championships, player development and advancement.

Billy has an impeccable reputation with his former teams and players. He was most recently a scout for the Tampa Bay Lightning and runs high performance camps for elite players all over North America. He is well known throughout the Junior and collegiate hockey communities and will provide opportunities for players to reach their full potential. The Rainiers are thrilled to have a head coach with Billy's attention to detail and passion for teaching the game of hockey.

Kent Valley's Executive Director Les Grauer stated: *"We couldn't be happier to have Billy Coupland join our coaching staff. He brings an impressive list of credentials as well as a teaching style unique to the Pacific NW coaching community. Billy will continue the championship legacy of our Rainiers program and teach our players the skills they need to be successful as they fulfill their hockey dreams."*

Billy's selection follows up the announcement of Lloyd Degelman as the head coach of Kent Valley's Bantam Elite team of 1996 birth year players. Together, Billy and Lloyd provide an incredible depth of coaching experience for the Bantam division. Billy's coaching resume as well as some of the players he has been instrumental developing are shown at the end of this release.

Billy's appointment is the first in a series of announcements regarding the Kent Valley Rainiers and their 2010-11 program plan. Stay tuned for further details on upcoming Billy Coupland High Performance Camps, as well as tryout information for the 2010-11 Kent Valley Rainiers.

Billy Coupland Resume

2008 - 2010 (Tampa Bay Lightning) National Hockey League - Scout

Recent Coaching Experience - Winter Hockey

2007 - 2008 (Pacific Steelers Female Midget AAA) Junior Women's Hockey League - Head Coach

- BC Midget AAA provincial champions

2006 - 2007 (Juan de Fuca Grizzlies Midget AAA) - Head Coach

- BC Midget AAA provincial champions

2002 - 2006 (NSWC Bantam AAA) - Head Coach

- Won the league and playoff title every season, numerous tournament championships around North America, BC provincial championship and Western Canadian Championship

Recent Coaching Experience - Spring Hockey

2006 - 2009 ('94 New Western Bruins)

- Won some of the top tournaments in North America including: Chicago Mission Cup, Toronto's Ronald McDonald, Vancouver's Challenge Cup, Calgary's Stampede Challenge, and Edmonton's Invitational to name just a few
- Coached players from all over the world including: Sweden, Czech Republic, Florida, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Nevada, California, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba

2003 - 2006 ('91 Pacific Vipers)

- Won some of the top tournaments in Canada including: Winnipeg Champions Cup, Calgary's Stampede Challenge, Saskatchewan Husky Invitational, Vancouver's Challenge Cup to name just a few
- Coached players from all over North America including Colorado, Alaska, California, Washington, Alberta, and British Columbia

2005 ('92 Jr Canucks)

- Won some of the top tournaments in Canada including: Calgary's Stampede Challenge, Vancouver's Challenge Cup and Montreal's Champions Cup
- Coached players from all over North America including: Minnesota, Colorado, Arizona, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia

Related Education/Experience:

- Conducts high performance camps for elite players all over North America including: Aspen, San Diego, Dallas, Calgary, Vancouver, and Chicago
- Worked in management for two of the most successful franchises in the WHL (Kootenay Ice and Kelowna Rockets)
- Bachelor of Human Kinetics (Major - Instruction and Coaching), University of British Columbia - 1993 graduate
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary), University of British Columbia - 1995 graduate
- Teacher/Athletic Director for 13 years at Sutherland Secondary School in North Vancouver, BC
- Reporter for ESPN for 10 years covering the local Vancouver sports scene (Canucks, Grizzlies, Indy Car, PGA, etc.)

Examples of Players Developed by Billy Coupland (only four of many shown for each birth year)

1988s

- Karl Alzner (Burnaby, BC) - Washington Capitals
- Ben Maxwell (North Vancouver, BC) - Montreal Canadiens
- Zach Hamill (Port Coquitlam, BC) - Boston Bruins
- Milan Lucic (Vancouver, BC) - Boston Bruins

1989s

- Drayson Bowman (Denver, CO) - Carolina Hurricanes
- Kyle Turris (New Westminster, BC) - Phoenix Coyotes
- John Negrin (West Vancouver, BC) - Calgary Flames
- Colton Gillies (Surrey, BC) - Minnesota Wild

1990s

- Brandon McMillan (Delta, BC) - Anaheim Ducks
- Colton Teubert (White Rock, BC) - Los Angeles Kings
- Taylor Steffen (North Vancouver, BC) - Nashville Predators
- Patrick Wiercioch (Maple Ridge, BC) - Ottawa Senators

1991s

- Drew Shore (Denver, CO) - Florida Panthers
- Stefan Elliott (North Vancouver, BC) - Colorado Avalanche
- Evander Kane (Vancouver, BC) - Atlanta Thrashers
- Tyson Barrie (Victoria, BC) - Colorado Avalanche

1992s - NHL draft year 2010

- Luke Moffatt (Phoenix, AZ) - USA U18 National Team
- Nick Shore (Denver, CO) - USA U18 National Team
- Jaden Schwartz (Wilcox, SK) - Tri City Storm USHL
- Jordan Weal (North Vancouver, BC) - Regina Pats WHL

1994s

- Richard Zehnal (Czech Republic)
- Seth Jones (Texas)
- Josh Henke (Michigan)
- Evan Richardson (British Columbia)

See you at the rink!

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