



Lorenz Begins Process of Naming Coaches for KVHA's 2012/2013 Season

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. May 14, 2012 – Danny Lorenz, Kent Valley's Hockey Director, named Steve Mertel to coach the Squirt Tier-II Selects for the 2012/2013 season. Mertel co-coached the Selects last season with Harry Smith. The 2012/2013 season will be Mertel's fifth season coaching at Kent Valley. The Squirt Selects played 18 league games in the Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA) league last season with a record of 13 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie finishing in 2nd place. The team scored 95 goals for and had 37 goals against in league play. The Squirt Selects participated in three tournaments during the 2011/2012 season; Portland over Thanksgiving, Tri Cities in March and the Seattle Junior Fred Chomos tournament in March. The highlight of the tournaments was taking first place in Fred Chomos which was the team's final game of the season.



Steve Mertel

Lorenz also named Bob Sellers to serve as an assistant coach with Mertel. Sellers has coached at every age level from Mites to Midgets over his nine seasons with Kent Valley. Lorenz indicated additional coaching announcements would be made over the coming weeks.

New Cross Ice "Open" Stick n' Puck Sessions at KVIC

Kent Valley Ice Centre will be offering Cross Ice "Open" Stick n' Puck sessions on Mondays (4:15-5:45pm), Wednesdays (4:15-5:30pm), and Fridays (4:15-5:45pm). The sessions are reasonably priced at \$6.39 plus tax for a total of \$7.00, and goalies skate free. Kent Valley's Les Grauer indicated that players would be free to determine which end of the ice would be a best fit for them given their skill level. Grauer said he expected a number of midget and junior aged players, home for the summer, would come out for the sessions, while younger players would prefer the action at the alternative end of the ice.

Midget Graduates Moving on to Life after Kent Valley

Several midget players aged out at the end of the 2011/2012 season. They are:

Zachary Bloss (04/05-11/12), Tanner Coughlin (04/05-11/12), Carl Peebles III (07/08-11/12), Aaron Pinkoske (07/08-11/12), Jared Prado (08/09-11/12), Joshua Severeid (04/05-11/12), and Kyle Miller-Smith (05/06-11/12).

Aaron Pinkoske indicated a desire to play D1 AA hockey at Montana State University or club hockey at Washington State University. Pinkoske played five seasons with Kent Valley beginning with the 07/08 hockey season. He said; *"I will miss having fun with my teammates and playing in tournaments."* Pinkoske added that he enjoyed playing on Chuck Cadiante's teams and winning NPSHL championships.

Unfortunately, we didn't hear from the other six graduating players regarding their future plans for life after Kent Valley Hockey.

In addition to those aging out, two 94-birth-year players are moving on to college or junior hockey programs elsewhere. **Noah Bloxton** is planning to attend college next year but has not decided where yet; *"Probably somewhere in Western Washington or Oregon,"* he said.

Kale Pokrzywinski is planning to attend San Diego State University (SDSU.) Kale indicated he would be playing on SDSU's DII club team. *"It was sure a fun ride at Kent Valley and I will always cherish the memories I had with my teammates,"* he said. Kale will be studying Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering at SDSU. Asked about his fondest memories at Kent Valley, Pokrzywinski said; *"I have many fond memories of Kent, including playing on John Petruzzelli's team, and winning state in Bantams. My fondest memory has to be the day we went to Nationals last year. Not only making the impossible happen by beating Spokane in the final of the state tournament, but routing Seattle Junior 7-0 in the*

semi-finals. The effort and fun I had with those teammates is priceless, and something you find in no other sport."

Kent Valley Hockey Association wishes all its graduates the very best in their lives beyond Kent Valley. Please keep in touch.



BLOW OUT Hockey Stick Sale at Kent Valley Pro Shop

Prices have been slashed 15% on Bauer hockey sticks and 25% on Easton hockey sticks at Kent Valley's Pro Shop. Doug Stewart, KVIC's Facility Manager, said; *"The fall/winter hockey season has just finished and our new stock of hockey equipment will be arriving any day now! That means our current stock must be sold to make room for the 2012-2013 products!"* KVHA

members are encouraged to check out the new supply of T-shirts on their next trip to the rink. The KVIC Pro Shop recently stocked a full line of Bauer hockey t-shirts. These tees make great birthday gifts for your hockey player.

Four Former Kent Valley Players Selected in 2012 WHL Bantam Draft

Calgary, Alberta, May 3, 2012 - Four former Kent Valley players were selected in this week's 2012 WHL draft. Evan Sarthou, Tyler Brown, Keith Anderson and Bo Hanson were tapped by the Tri-City Americans, Moose Jaw Warriors, Victoria Royals and Red Deer Rebels respectively during the WHL's 2012 Bantam Entry Draft. Kent Valley Hockey Association management and staff congratulate these players for being selected in the 2012 draft.

Evan Sarthou, 05/06 Squirt "B" Storm, 07/08 Squirt "A" Starz & 08/09 PeeWee Rainiers. Evan, a goaltender, was selected in the 3rd round, 65th overall by the Tri-City Americans. He played for the Los Angeles Selects Major Bantams during the 2011/2012 season.

Tyler Brown, 06/07 PeeWee Tier-II Storm. Tyler, a defenseman, was selected in the 5th round, 106th overall by the Moose Jaw Warriors. He played for the Pursuit of Excellence (POE) Bantam Team 1 - Tier 1 during the 2011/2012 season.

Keith Anderson, 07/08 Squirt "A" Starz & 08/09 PeeWee Rainiers. Keith, a right winger, was selected in the 6th round, 115th overall by the Victoria Royals. He played for the Arizona Bobcats Bantam '97 AAA team during the 2011/2012 season.

Bo Hanson, 08/09 PeeWee Rainiers. Bo, a defenseman, was selected in the 7th round, 140th overall by the Red Deer Rebels. He played for the Arizona Bobcats Bantam '97 AAA team during the 2011/2012 season.

Quote of the Day!

The True Meaning of Winning the Cup:

"Winning the Cup was certainly a gift, but the pursuit of it was the life lesson in my eyes. I would also say that even if I hadn't ever won it, it wouldn't any less justify my commitment and dedication to that pursuit."

Brendan Shanahan, Stanley Cup winner with Detroit 1997, 1998 and 2002

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

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