



## ***Kent Valley's Sean MacFarlane Headed to Eastern Regional Officiating Camp***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA – KVHA News for 8 July, 2010** – Remember Kent Valley's Sean MacFarlane? He's the Kent Valley Midget U-18 Goalie who was called up by the Seattle Thunderbirds early one Sunday morning in February of 2009 to suit up and serve as a backup goalie for the Birds later that Sunday evening. You may recall that T-Bird's goalie Jacob DeSerres suffered a groin injury during a game in Tri-Cities the prior night. The T-Birds were faced with playing reserve goalie Calvin Pickard without a backup. With a game back home at ShoWare Center in Kent less than 17 hours away, the Seattle Thunderbirds were faced with an emergency. Russ Farwell, T-Bird's General Manager, phoned Danny Lorenz, Kent Valley's Midget U-18 Coach, and asked if he could provide a backup goalie for their game with the Vancouver Giants just a few hours away. Lorenz's answer was affirmative. The rest is history and one heck of a memory for Sean. (The full story is in our KVHA News Archive. [Click here](#) to recall that story.)

Sean eventually hung up his goalie pads, but not his skates. He exchanged his goalie gear for a striped shirt and a whistle. He has been focusing on a career as a USA Hockey Official. Sean, whose hometown is Spokane, hopes to follow in the footsteps of Dennis LaRue, another Spokane boy. LaRue made it into the NHL in 1989 and is rated as one of the top American officials in the NHL. Kent Valley teams encountered Sean MacFarlane, the official, at tournaments around the Pacific Northwest this past season. It was always a joy to visit with him and watch him work.

Now, fast forward to July 2010. We thought we'd let you know that Sean is headed to Rochester, N.Y., in a few days to participate in the Eastern Regional Officiating Camp. It's a very prestigious honor for him to be accepted, as USA Hockey only takes a total of 52 young officials (between the ages of 18-26) to participate in either the Western Regional or Eastern Regional camps (only 26 participants in each camp). Janet MacFarlane, Sean's mom, said; *"It looks like Sean has picked the right path for his hockey career! He will always treasure the year he spent with Kent Valley and the five weeks with the T-Birds... But, more importantly, he will treasure the friendships he made with such great people in Kent! We continue to wish Kent Valley Hockey and the T-Birds the best of everything!"*

Sean; we at Kent Valley Hockey wish you continued success as you pursue your officiating career. We'll be watching as you continue to grow and prosper. Don't forget your whistle!

### ***Quote of the Day***

The following is from a recent HockeyRefs.com interview with NHL Official, Dennis LaRue:

**Question:** What advice would you give a young official?

**Answer:** "My advice is to work as many games at whatever level you can because that's the best way to develop and then to either go to camps and get involved with USA Hockey or Hockey Canada and listen to the people who are trying to teach you."

**Dennis LaRue, NHL Official**

Have a great week!

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