



KVHA News – Kent Valley Ice Centre’s “Power Hour” Impresses

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. August 7, 2014 – It is advertised as an “Adult Cross-Ice Stick n’ Puck.” But we here in the front office at the Kent Valley Ice Centre refer to it affectionately as the “Power Hour.” It happens three times a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. It is one of our favorite summer activities to watch at the Kent Valley Ice Centre. The participants are local hockey players home for the summer and doing their best to stay in shape for their eventual return to their college and junior hockey teams. They play cross-ice scrimmages with the older players at the front end of the ice rink and the younger players (16U) at the back end. It is end to end action, or rather, side to side action, with an occasional errant puck finding its way to the upper concourse of the arena and the window to our office. They are exciting and entertaining to watch. The regulars, the older players, include the following:

- **Kyle Blondin** - D3 St Mary’s University – Winona, Minnesota
- **Max Doner** - Jr. A Tier III Yellowstone Quake - Cody, Wyoming
- **Molly Doner** – D1 Women, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Wisconsin
- **Ryan Doner** - D3 University of Wisconsin - River Falls, Wisconsin
- **Tyler Dunn** - D3 Finlandia University - Hancock, Michigan
- **Bryce Fink**, Goalie - D3 University of Wisconsin – Superior, Wisconsin
- **Chris Fink** - D3 Becker College - Leicester, Massachusetts
- **Eliot Grauer** - D3 University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- **Nolan Grauer** - D1 Club, University of Central Oklahoma - Edmund, Oklahoma
- **Damon Hanson** - Jr. A Tier II NAHL Wenatchee Wild (last 2 years Jr. A Tier III Helena Bighorns) – Wenatchee, Washington
- **Anthony Petruzzelli** - D1 Vermont University (last 3 years Jr. A Tier II Brooks Bandits [Royal Bank Centennial Cup Champions 2013]) - Burlington, Vermont
- **Huck Saunders** - D3 Lawrence University (graduated) - Appleton, Wisconsin
- **Johnny Scherer**- Jr. A Tier III Yellowstone Quake - Cody, Wyoming
- **Skyler Smutek** - D3 University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- **Troy Turpin**, Goalie – Jr. A Tier III Lake Tahoe Blue – Lake Tahoe, California

I’ll miss the “Power Hour” which is coming to a screeching halt as players begin to head off to school and their Jr. teams. Anthony Petruzzelli was the first to leave, making the long trip to Burlington, Vermont where he will be a freshman at Vermont University. He’s getting an early start on some classes and is settling in before team practices begin in August. Tyler Dunn packed up and headed off to Michigan and Finlandia University. He and his dad Paul made it a father and son trip and took their time driving to Hancock, Michigan. Troy Turpin isn’t sure where his compass is pointing. At press time there was a rumor circulating that the Lake Tahoe Blue might be trading him to the Ogden Mustangs or the El Paso Rhinos.

Kent Valley Ice Centre and Kent Valley Hockey Association wish all these players a safe journey to their destinations. We wish you all success with your education and hockey careers as you compete during the upcoming hockey season. And, we look forward to seeing you back at Kent Valley Ice Centre next summer to skate the “Power Hour.”

Update on Bantam 14U Tier-II Tryout Times

Coach Harry Smith has made a minor adjustment to the Bantam 14U Tier-II tryout schedule Saturday, August 16th. The full tryout schedule is as follows:

- Friday August 15th 6:45pm – 8:15pm
- Saturday August 16th 7:30am – 8:45am **(NEW)**
- Friday August 22nd 6:45pm – 8:15pm
- Saturday August 23rd 9:45am – 11:15am
- Saturday August 23rd 6:40pm – 7:55pm
- Sunday August 24th 12:15pm – 1:45pm

Pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) for a tryout registration form.

Correction on Midget 18U Tier-II Tryout Times

It was Lew's error! He posted the incorrect ice times last week for Midget Tier-II tryouts. He accepts full responsibility and begs your forgiveness. So, that said, here are the correct ice times for the Midget 18U Tier-II tryouts:

Saturday August 9th 8:45am – 10:15am

Saturday August 9th 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Sunday August 10th 10:30am – 12:00noon

[Click here](#) for a tryout registration form.

PeeWee "Mini Camp" Set for August 16th & 17th

Coaches Jeff Ferguson and Rick Campbell will host a PeeWee "Mini Camp" the weekend of August 16th and 17th at Kent Valley Ice Centre. The two-day "Mini Camp" will provide players a total of 4.5 hours of ice-time over the two days. There is a \$45 registration fee for the "Mini Camp." The camp is open to all PeeWee aged players. Players can register upon arrival at a registration table in the front lobby Saturday morning. KVHA's Hockey Director, Danny Lorenz said, *"The 'Mini Camp' is a great opportunity for PeeWee players to sharpen their skills before the season gets underway. I appreciate that Jeff Ferguson and Rick Campbell are willing to take the time to lead the camp."*

Missing Adult Hockey Gear Recovered! Is it Yours?

Officer Howard of the Auburn Police Department called and reported they had recovered a very large Black Bauer Hockey bag with XLG adult size hockey gear. If your hockey gear was stolen recently and you think this might be your stuff, you can contact Officer Howard by email at JHoward@AuburnWA.gov. Officer Howard explained that the owner would need to be able to identify some specific contents to claim the hockey gear.

T-Birds Looking For A Few More Billet Families

Families in Kent and near Kentwood High School sought

KENT, August 5, 2014 — The Seattle Thunderbirds are looking to add a few more player billet families for the 2014-15 season. T-Bird players now attend Kentwood High School during the school year. The team practices at ShoWare Center. The team is looking for billets in these neighborhoods.

Being a T-Birds billet means housing one to two T-Birds players during the hockey season. Billets are an important part of the team's player support program. They provide a home away from home for players during the hockey season.

[Read team expectations of players and billets.](#)

[Download the T-Birds Billet Application](#) and return to the T-Birds if you are interested in being a billet. Applications should be sent to stbirds@seattlethunderbirds.com. If you have any questions about being a billet, or would like more information, contact Jeff Caso at 253-239-7825.

T-Birds Announce 2014-15 Training Camp Schedule

KENT, August 6, 2014 - The Seattle Thunderbirds are excited to announce their Training Camp schedule for the 2014-15 season. Kent Valley Hockey Association members are invited to drop by observe the scrimmages.

T-Birds Training Camp opens on Thursday, August 21, with two scrimmages. The two scrimmages will be between 1998 and 1999 born players at 9:00am and 4:30pm at ShoWare Center.

Training Camp continues on Friday, August 22, with two scrimmages at ShoWare Center with the 1998 and 1999 born players. The scrimmages will be at 9:00am and 4:30pm.

The scrimmages on August 21 and August 22 will be two 30-minute run time periods with a shootout if necessary.

The scrimmages on Saturday, August 23, and Sunday, August 24, will have three teams playing, Team Blue, Team White and Team Grey.

On August 23 all three teams will play two 30-minute period scrimmages, the first of which starts at 3:00pm at ShoWare Center.

On Sunday, August 24, there will be two scrimmage sessions. All three teams will start a session at 9am and at 4:30pm at ShoWare Center.

Monday, August 25, is the last day of Training Camp and will feature a full 60-minute three period game. The teams will be wearing T-Birds white and blue game jerseys, unlike previous scrimmages which will feature team practice jerseys. The game starts at 5:30pm at ShoWare Center.

All Training Camp scrimmages and game are open to the public free of charge. Fans attending any of the scrimmages or game should enter ShoWare Center from the east side of the building.

Quote of the Day!

The True Meaning of Winning the Cup:

"Raising the Cup was not only a thrill, it was a huge relief. I'd been playing pro hockey for 15 seasons at that point and just figured it was probably never going to happen. I had started out the 2004 season as one of the six starting defensemen in training camp, but that all came to a screeching halt when I hurt my back. Later on, when I got healthy, I didn't want to make a big issue out of getting my job back. The team had moved on, and other guys were filling in nicely, and I really didn't want to become a distraction for Torts [Head Coach John Tortorella] in the locker room. I didn't want to rock the boat. I remember telling Torts that I would do whatever he asked me to do and that I just wanted to contribute any way I could. As a guy who had spent many years in the minors, I didn't care if he wanted me to fill water bottles; I just wanted to be a part of the team. I think he really appreciated me doing that, as to not upset the chemistry we had going at the time.

We wound up going on a magical playoff run, starting with a win over the Islanders, followed by a sweep over Montreal. From there we beat the Flyers in a tough seven-game conference finals series to get to the finals, where we met up with Calgary. The Flames were a great team, and that one also turned out to be an epic seven-game battle. Game 7 was in Tampa and it was a classic, just back and forth all night. Then, with just a few minutes to go in the game, myself and the other scratches for the game got suited up so we could run out there as soon as the final buzzer went off. It was a one-goal game, though, so we weren't sure if we were going to get out there or not. I was green I was so nervous. Thanks to Nikolai Khabibulin, who played huge in net and just lamed the door in the last few minutes, we won the game 2-1. With that, we all raced out there like chickens with our heads cut off. The fans were going crazy, and it was amazing. After shaking hands I got to hoist the Cup, which was such an incredible experience. So memorable. Even though I was one of the older guys on the roster I went last, just out of respect. The neat thing about that was that I got to hand it to Torts, which was a pretty cool moment for me as well. Then we drank champagne out of it in the locker room and even had a couple of cigars for good measure. We did it up right."

Darren Rumble, Stanley Cup winner with Tampa Bay 2004 (Former Assistant Coach for the Seattle Thunderbirds.)

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

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