



KVHA News – 2014/2015 Registrations Surge Ahead of Same Date Last Season

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. August 14, 2014 – Registration for the 2014/2015 Hockey Season has lagged behind last season's numbers all summer. That is until this past week. KVHA Registrar, Rena Sullivan, reports that registrations picked up over the past week and we are now ahead of where we were at this time last summer. Lew Sellers, President of KVHA, said, "We are very pleased with the recent surge in enrollments for the 2014/2015 hockey season. We have a couple of age groups where we thought we were only going to be able to field one team. Now we're on the verge of two teams. In the end, our total association enrollment numbers may end up higher than last season. This is very positive for our Kent Valley Hockey Association." The KVHA 2014/2015 hockey season begins on Monday August 25th. Please check the KVHA Web for the ice schedules.

Kent Valley 16U Tier-I Rainiers Will Play in Burnaby Winter Club Elite15 Ice Breaker Showcase

The Kent Valley 16U Tier-I Rainiers have been accepted to play in Burnaby Winter Club's Elite Ice Breaker Showcase. Upon learning the Rainiers are coached by Danny Lorenz who grew up in Burnaby and went on to star for the Seattle Thunderbirds of the Western Hockey League, the tournament quickly invited Kent Valley's 16U squad to participate. The Rainiers look forward to playing against talent from some of the most elite programs on the West Coast. The following BC teams are participating: Okanogan Hockey Academy, Burnaby Winter Club, Yale Hockey Academy, Pacific Coast Hockey Academy, and Delta Hockey Academy. Along with the Rainiers, US teams include nationally ranked Anaheim Jr. Ducks, and L.A. Jr. Kings. It should be a great tournament.

Squirt "B" Tryouts Set for August 25th and 28th

Danny Lorenz, KVHA's Hockey Director, announced tryout dates for Kent Valley's Squirt "B" Selects team. Coach Derek Pizzey will run the tryouts for the Selects. The Squirt "B" tryout dates are:

Monday August 25th, 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Thursday August 28th, 6:40pm to 7:40pm

No additional fees are required for the Squirt "B" tryouts. The Squirt "B" Selects will share the two tryout ice times with the Squirt Tornados.

KVHA Team Practice Schedule Begins Monday August 25th

KVHA's 2014/2015 team practice schedule begins on Monday August 25th. The Midget 16U Tier-I Rainiers begin the first day of practices at 3:55pm Monday with Mites and PeeWees rounding out the first week of practice on Friday at 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The full schedule for week #11 of the summer schedule is posted on the KVHA Web under the **Ice Schedule** tab at www.KentValleyHockey.com. Go Kent Valley!

Auction Procurements Nearly Complete, Emphasis on Ticket Sales is Next for KVHA's September 20th Auction

KVHA enrollment is not the only thing that surged this past week. Auction procurements have surged as well. We now have all team donations completed and we are working on a few last-minute individual member procurements. Auction ticket sales are lagging and KVHA's Registrar, Rena Sullivan, will focus on those over the coming weeks. If you have not purchased your tickets for the September 20th Auction, please do so at your earliest convenience.

KVHA is so confident about the outcome of the September 20th auction that we have already ordered new team jerseys. The jerseys should arrive sometime during the early part of

September just in time for the beginning of the NPSHL and PNAHA schedules. A major portion of auction proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the jerseys. We appreciate everyone's support for the auction and look forward to your participation.

Referee Clinics Set for August 23rd in Tacoma & September 20th in Kent

Puget Sound Hockey Officiating Associating (PSHOA) has two scheduled seminars - August 23rd in Tacoma and September 20th in Kent. You will need to register on-line on the USA Hockey website for the seminar you will be attending. **Note:** other associations are also offering seminars - they are/will be listed on the website as well. If you are a new official you might want to register prior to your seminar and allow enough time to receive your rule book.

For officials 18 and over - you will need to complete your background check and be listed on the PNAHA approved list. You can check your status and/or complete the process on the PNAHA website. **Note:** PSHOA does not receive confirmation of your status so it is YOUR responsibility to ensure you are current and listed.

[Click here](#) for the USA Hockey Officiating Seminars (clinics) page on www.USAHockey.com.

Cheyenne Stampede Corral Power Forward Jack Speer

Cheyenne Ice and Events Center, Cheyenne, WY. August 12, 2014 – The Cheyenne Stampede, members of the Western States Hockey League are proud to announce the signing of forward Jack Speer.

Speer, a 6'2 200 lb. left shot power forward had 15 points (4g, 11a) last season before an injury sidelined him. "Jack has a tremendous upside and will be an immediate impact to my club. He's your prototypical power forward that can skate, see the ice and can set up his teammates. I am very excited to have acquired Jack and look for big things from him," Coach Eric Ballard said.

The coach explained that when trying to build his team he needs to find pieces that make sense and that will give the Stampede depth. "Speer has a year of junior experience and has played AAA so his ability to step right in and be an everyday player on the left side is crucial and we are excited what kind of player he is and what he brings to the table." Ballard stated

Speer is the 6th forward signed by Ballard and will be counted on out of the gate to make contributions to Stampede's success.

Jack Speer skated for Kent Valley in 2004/2005 through 2008/2009 hockey seasons and skated with the Kent Valley Bantam Tier-I Rainiers during the 2010/2011 season. He skated with the Bellingham Blazers (photo above) last season. Jack's younger brother Tom is a member of the Kent Valley 16U Tier-I Rainiers.

Kent Valley Hockey Association sends best wishes to Jack Speer for a successful season with the Cheyenne Stampede. Show them what you've got Jack!



Learn to Play Hockey Begins Sunday September 28th

The Fall Learn to Play Hockey program will get underway on Sunday September 28th and will run through March of 2015. The Learn to Play (LTP) program is open to all boys and girls ages 4 and older. Hockey equipment is available for rent through Kent Valley Hockey Association. LTP ice times are generally on Sundays from 1:30-2:30pm but are subject to change to accommodate holidays and other conflicts. Cost is \$345.05 which includes non-

refundable registration cost of \$75.00. Equipment rental is \$200.00 + tax and includes a \$125.00 refundable deposit when the equipment is returned.

No experience is necessary. Instructors are USA Hockey Certified Coaches. Seattle Thunderbird players occasionally serve as Guest Instructors. Sign up today to learn the *coolest* game on earth.

Quote of the Day!

Life Lessons:

For me it was about persistence and never giving up on your dream. It took me 16 seasons to finally win the Stanley Cup, but I finally did it thanks to a whole lot of hard work and dedication to a sport I absolutely love. Beyond that, I would say that little things turn into big things. In hockey it's about all the little things, or details, that transpire throughout the course of a game. Whether it's a big hit or a faceoff win or winning a battle for a loose puck in your zone or sacrificing to block a shot—all of those little things add up. At the end of the day, those are things that are often-times the difference between first and second place."

Pat Verbeek, Stanley Cup winner with Dallas 1999

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

Editor's note: Verbeek is currently employed as Assistant General Manager with the Tampa Bay Lightning with former Detroit teammate Steve Yzerman, the current General Manager of the Lightning. He previously served as pro scout with the Detroit Red Wings.

During his playing career Verbeek was nicknamed the "*Little Ball of Hate*" for his diminutive stature and his tendency to rile up fans, opponents, and teammates alike. His nearly 1,100 career points were overshadowed by the nearly 2,900 penalty minutes he spent in the box.

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