

Kent Valley Players Pursue their Dreams at WHL Camps

Kent, Washington August 25, 2008 – Several hockey players from Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) were invited to and participated in Western Hockey League (WHL) training camps in August. The players are:

Kyle Blondin – Prince George Cougars

Kyle, age 15, from Kent, Washington was invited to the Prince George Cougars training camp. He played on the KVHA Bantam Tier-I team last season.

Trevor Cheek – Prince Albert Raiders

Trevor, age 15, from Vancouver, Washington, was invited to the Prince Albert Raiders training camp. He played on the KVHA U-16 "AAA" team last season.

Ryan Doner – Everett Silvertips

Ryan, age 16, from Mukilteo, Washington, attended the Everett Silvertips training camp. It was his second year at the Silvertip's camp. He played on the KVHA U-16 "AAA" team last year.

Elliott Grauer – Moose Jaw Warriors

Elliott, age 15, from Mukilteo, Washington, was invited to the Moose Jaw Warriors training camp. He played on the KVHA U-16 "AAA" team last season.

Tyler Parker – Everett Silvertips

Tyler, age 16, from Livermore, California, was invited to the Everett Silvertips training camp. He played on the KVHA U-16 "AAA" team last season.

Anthony Petruzzelli – Seattle Thunderbirds

Anthony, age 15, from Federal Way, Washington, was invited to the Seattle Thunderbirds training camp at Kent Valley Ice Centre. He played on the KVHA Bantam Tier-I team last season.

The WHL is a member of the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) whose membership is comprised of three major junior hockey leagues: Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) and the Western Hockey League (WHL). At the conclusion of each League's playoffs, the CHL hosts the MasterCard Memorial Cup. A National Championship tournament involving each of the League's Champion and the tournament host. The National Hockey League (NHL) drafts an average of 114 CHL players each year with an average of 42 of those from the WHL. Over 50% of NHL draftees come from the CHL. The WHL provides 18% of NHL draftees.

Danny Lorenz, KVHA's Hockey Director, commented last week about the Seattle Thunderbird's training camp being held at Kent Valley Ice Centre, saying; *"It's a great opportunity for the young kids in our association who dream the dream of playing at a higher level, to watch the 16 to 20 year-old T-Bird players who are taking a step toward realizing their dream of skating at that higher level. If they're a Squirt or PeeWee, it could be them out there in 4, 5 or 6 years. Watching the T-Birds up-close and personal can inspire them to work hard on realizing their dreams."* Well, it was more than just watching for Kyle Blondin, Trevor Cheek, Ryan Doner, Elliott Grauer, Tyler Parker, and Anthony Petruzzelli. They were living the dream.

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