



## ***KVHA 2011/12 Season Begins Monday with Team Practices***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. August 25, 2011** – The temperature outside is hovering somewhere around 83 degrees and the sun is shining brightly. It is hard to believe that our summer is nearing an end and the 2011/2012 hockey season will get underway next Monday. But, it's true! Another hockey season begins Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm when Coach Van Mechelen's Bantam Tornadoes and Coach Cadiente's Midget Tornadoes take the ice for their first practice session of the season.

For me, this will be my 38<sup>th</sup> hockey season as a hockey parent, grandparent and volunteer. When I wonder about our summer passing by so quickly I also pause in wonderment at how quickly 38 years of hockey have passed by... My, how time flies!

Welcome back everyone! May this be your best hockey season ever! Welcome also to our new members and players. May the beginning of your hockey journey be all you hope it will be! See you at the rink!

### ***Week Number One's Ice Schedule Posted to KVHA Web***

Are you wondering when you practice next week? Well, our weekly ice schedules are posted on the KVHA web ([www.KentValleyHockey.com](http://www.KentValleyHockey.com)) under the **Ice Schedules** tab in the left hand column of the front page. The 2011/2012 hockey season's first weekly schedule was posted Wednesday afternoon. Give it a look to determine when your team will practice. We'll get week two posted as soon as possible.

### ***USA Hockey Registration Confirmation Needed Before Players can Practice Next Week***

KVHA Registrar, Rena Sullivan, reminds KVHA players and coaches to be sure and register with USA Hockey for the 2011/2012 season. Sullivan said, *"We've received a large number of player registrations that do not include their USA Hockey registration number. Sadly, we are also lacking USA Hockey registration numbers for some of our coaches. Players and coaches must have USA Hockey registration before participating in hockey activities in the new season. That means a player will not be able to go on the ice for practice next week if we don't have a USA Hockey registration confirmation number."*

USA Hockey registration can be completed on-line at the following URL:

[https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/login\\_input.action](https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/login_input.action)

A link to USA Hockey is also available under the KVHA Registration tab on the left side of the front page. Sullivan also pointed out that USA Hockey provides a convenient registration option in the process which allows you to enter your home association's e-mail address. So, when you complete the registration process an electronic confirmation of the registration will be sent to that e-mail address. Sullivan's e-mail address is:

[Rena@KentValleyIceCentre.com](mailto:Rena@KentValleyIceCentre.com).

### ***Look to the KVIC Pro Shop for Your Hockey Gear***

Now is a great time to drop by the **KVIC Pro Shop** and check out new hockey gear. Rena has a great supply of hockey sticks, skates, helmets, pads and all the little things a hockey player needs like mouth-guards, laces and tape. We have a big Bauer order coming in over the next week or two. It will include skates, sticks, helmets, gloves, pants, shin guards, water bottles, shoulder pads, elbow pads, Bauer warm-ups, hoodies, bags and clipboards.

Do your skates need sharpening? The **KVIC Pro Shop** can sharpen them for \$7.00, tax included. Drop them off the day before your practice or leave them after your first practice and they'll be ready when you return for practice. A word of caution though; on the spot, or

on demand, sharpening is not always available. However, we'll do our best to meet your schedule.

## ***Seattle Thunderbirds Practicing at Kent Valley Ice Centre***

The Seattle Thunderbirds have scheduled a bunch of ice time at Kent Valley Ice Centre over the next couple of weeks. We've conveniently posted their ice times on our weekly ice schedules and invite you to drop in and observe the practices. The sessions are open to the public. You will be amazed at how hard these guys work during practices. Come on in and enjoy the action.

The T-Birds will open the 2011-12 regular season against the Portland Winterhawks at ShoWare Center on Saturday, September 24 at 7:05 p.m. T-Birds single game tickets for the 2011-12 season will go on sale on Wednesday, August 24, at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at the [T-Birds website](#) and at the ShoWare Center box office. The ShoWare Center Box Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday game days at 10 a.m. and Sunday game days at noon.

T-Birds season tickets are currently on sale. Season tickets can be purchased by calling the T-Birds office at 253-239-7825.

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

### ***The True Meaning of Winning the Cup:***

*"You know, so much goes through your head as you are standing there, waiting for your turn to hoist it. I remember thinking about all the pond hockey games as a kid and about all the hard work it had taken to get to that very moment in my life. I thought about my childhood hero, Bobby Clarke, and that iconic picture of him without his two front teeth hoisting the Cup with the Flyers. Well, just the thought of my name going on that same Cup somewhere alongside of his was pretty fantastic."*

**Kevin McClelland, Stanley Cup winner with Edmonton 1984, 1985, 1987 and 1988.**

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

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