



## ***KVHA 2011/2012 Hockey Season is Underway***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. August 29, 2011** – They began showing up at Kent Valley Ice Centre early Monday afternoon, some of them as much as two hours in advance of their team's practice time. One young player exclaimed; *"I've been waiting for this day all summer."* Well, the new hockey season is finally underway. Check the **Ice Schedule** for your team's specific practice times.

KVHA's first full season of operation was the 2002-2003 hockey season. During that first KVHA season, 45 players participated in the "Learn to Play" program and 97 players participated on 6 hockey teams. More than 750 players have played for KVHA since the initial 2002-2003 season. Our enrollment for last season was 212. We expect to surpass that number for 2011-2012.

### ***KVHA Scores Lockers from SCORE***

Paul Dunn, former KVHA parent, assistant coach, hockey official and all-around good guy, e-mailed us the other day regarding some surplus lockers. According to Dunn the lockers were not needed as part of the construction project at the South Correctional Entity (SCORE), a new regional jail serving the cities of Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila. He thought the Kent Valley Hockey Association, a not-for-profit youth sports organization, might be able to use them.

Well, Mr. Dunn was right; we can use them. We plan to install one locker bay (2 lockers) in each of our locker rooms so teams can secure their valuables while they're on the ice for practices or games. Dunn said; *"We're glad they can be put to good use."*

Paul Dunn is Information Technology Manager for SCORE. His son Tyler Dunn played hockey at KVHA for many years (2004-2010) and is now playing in Butte, Montana, for the Butte Roughriders of the NORPAC league. Thanks Paul and thanks also to SCORE.

### ***Dylan Gambrell Advances to T-Bird's Main Camp***



Former Kent Valley hockey player Dylan Gambrell (96) participated in the Seattle Thunderbird's rookie camp last week. The rookie camp began Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> and ran through Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Dylan's father and former Kent Valley Coach, Jimmy Gambrell, said he thought his son had performed well in the rookie camp scrimmages. He pointed out that Dylan was winning face-offs, skating well, scoring, and taking and giving hits with the best of them. He mentioned that Dylan had a flight booked to return to his new team in Denver Sunday afternoon. However, the T-Bird's made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

The Birds invited Dylan to stay on one more day and join the T-Bird's main camp scrimmages on Sunday. He promptly changed his flight plans to Monday.

I visited with Dylan Gambrell outside the east entrance of ShoWare Center Sunday afternoon. Gambrell had just finished his last scrimmage of the T-Bird's main camp. I asked him what his most rewarding moment of the camp was. He reflected for a moment and then responded; *"Scoring a goal on Pickard! It was cool! The whole camp was awesome."*

Dylan had a large group of fans supporting him Sunday. Several former teammates and their parents from the Wenatchee Jr. Wild team drove directly from a mid-day team practice in Wenatchee in time to make it to ShoWare Center for Dylan's second Sunday scrimmage. With Dylan (far right) in the photo above are former KVHA hockey players Logan Mueller (2007-2009), Colton Meekhof (2007-2009) and Chad Haywood (2004-2010). Mueller,

Meekhof and Haywood all play for the Wenatchee Jr. Wild and were teammates of Gambrell's last season.

Gambrell skated for Kent Valley in the 2004/05 (Mites) through 2008/09 (PeeWee) seasons. He is listed as second in two categories of the KVHA Single Game Record Book.

### **MOST GOALS: The record is 7 – Anton Nikitin, 11/14/2010**

**6** – 11/30/2008 Dylan Gambrell, Kent Valley/West Coast PeeWee "AAA" 13 vs. Seattle Jr. PeeWee "AA" Admirals 0 at Wenatchee. Dylan Gambrell scored 2 goals in the first, 3 goals in the second and 1 goal in the third period.

### **MOST POINTS: The record is 9 points – Luke Blair, 11/20/2010**

**8** – 11/30/2008 Dylan Gambrell (6 goals & 2 assists), Kent Valley/West Coast PeeWee "AAA" 13 vs. Seattle Jr. PeeWee "AA" Admirals 0 at Wenatchee. Dylan Gambrell scored 2 goals in the first period, 3 goals in the second and 1 goal in the first period. Gambrell added 2 assists, both in the first period for a total of 8 points for the game.

Congratulations to Dylan Gambrell for a successful Seattle Thunderbirds Camp. We wish you all the best this season with the Colorado Thunderbirds Midget Minor AAA U16 team.

## **Seattle Thunderbirds at Kent Valley Ice Centre This Week**

The Seattle Thunderbirds will practice on Kent Valley ice several times this week. Practices are open to the public. KVHA members are encouraged to bring their hockey players in to watch the practices. Practice times are posted on the ice schedules on the KVHA web. Click upon the **Ice Schedules** tab to view the weekly ice schedules.

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:**

*"It's an elusive piece of hardware, no question about it. That's what makes it so special, though; it's so hard to win. Once you do, you just never want to give it up."*

### **Scott Gomez, Stanley Cup winner with New Jersey 2000 and 2003**

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

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