



## ***KVHA Enrollment Grows with Last Minute Registrations***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA – KVHA News for 3 September, 2010** – Enrollment for Mites through Midgets is currently standing at 143, up 12% from two weeks ago. KVHA Registrar, Rena Sullivan, clarified that the 143 enrollment number does not include Learn to Play. She said, "The LTP (Learn to Play) has been running in excess of 50 per session." Sullivan speculated that enrollment still has the potential for topping last season's numbers.

### ***Advertising in Local Media***

Kent Valley Ice Centre will advertise its facilities and programs in the September 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kent, Renton and Auburn Reporters. Keep an eye out for the Seattle Thunderbirds Fan Guide. It will be a special insert in the September 17<sup>th</sup> edition of those papers and will include some discount coupons.

### ***Alumni Update III***

**Nik Toor** will be attending Western Washington University and playing hockey for the WWU Club Team. The Vikings compete in Division II of the American Collegiate Hockey Association in the Western Conference and are coached by John Dougan. They were a power-house last season with a record last season was 21-1-1.

**Lydia Grauer** and **Rebecca Gicewicz** will play for Wild 1 of the Western Washington Female Hockey Association (WWFHA). The Wild 1 team won the gold at the 25th Annual Connecticut Polar Bears Tournament (19U) in December of 2009. The team will be coached this season by Les Grauer and Greg Gicewicz, both former KVHA Coaches.

**Rachael Rutherford** will play for Wild 2 of the WWFHA. The Wild 2 will be coached by Yoshito Kosai and Matt Harrow. Rachael had an excellent season last year with the KVHA PeeWee Tornados and is an excellent acquisition for Wild 2.

**Editor's note:** The Western Washington Female Hockey Association (WWFHA) is dedicated to promoting girls' ice hockey in the Pacific Northwest. They exist to give girls the opportunity to play on the only all girl league affiliated teams in the Pacific Northwest regardless of ability or experience. They also offer girls who play on boys' teams the chance to double roster to get additional ice time as well as help prepare them for the time when playing on an all boys team becomes impractical. WWFHA is a member of USA Hockey, Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA), Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA), and British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association (BCAHA). You can learn more about the WWFHA at: <http://www.wwfha.com>.

**Melanie Doner** and **Molly Doner** have returned to play for the San Jose Jr. Sharks 19-U "AAA" Girls team for a second season. Both girls trained on Kent Valley ice over the summer. Molly Doner scored 1 goal in the Jr. Sharks first game of the season, a 2-2 tie, on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Next up for the Doner sisters is a mid-September tournament in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

### ***Seattle Thunderbirds Season About to Begin***

The T-Birds only home preseason game of an eight-game exhibition schedule is Saturday, September 18, against the Portland Winterhawks at ShoWare Center at 7:05pm. The T-Birds will open the regular season against the Everett Silvertips on Friday, September 24 at Comcast Arena in Everett at 7:35pm. The T-Birds will hold their home opener on Saturday, September 25 at 7:05pm against long time rival, the Portland Winterhawks.

Seattle Thunderbirds legend **Glen Goodall** will be welcomed back to Seattle at the T-Birds home opener on Saturday, September 25, against the Portland Winterhawks at 7:05pm at ShoWare Center. Glen and his family will be in attendance and the T-Birds have several events planned to recognize Glen and his contributions to T-Birds hockey.

At the home opener the T-Birds will have a pre-game Party on the Plaza at ShoWare Center that will feature food, music and a beer garden prior to the home opener. The T-Birds will

also be handing out T-Bird train whistles to the first 6,000 fans as well as 2010-11 Magnetic Season Schedules presented by Sterling Savings to all fans.

For more information, or to purchase T-Birds Season Tickets, contact a T-Birds Account Executive at 253-239-PUCK (7825). You can also receive more information on season tickets via email by contacting the T-Birds at [stbirds@seattlethunderbirds.com](mailto:stbirds@seattlethunderbirds.com).

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

*"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."*

**Eric Lindros**

See you at the rink!

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