



KVHA News – September Ice Schedules Published – Welcome Back to KVHA

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. September 6, 2013 – The 2013/2014 Hockey Season is underway! Team formation and coaching assignments are coming together and September practice schedules have been posted to the KVHA web. Here's how the teams, coaching assignments and team managers are shaping up for the new season:

Mite Rec (two teams of 10 each)

Head Coach – Matt Wagner
Assistant Coach – Ken Cyr
Assistant Coach – Ryan Reese-Beltrand
Team Manager – Lisa Kirby

Squirt Rec (#1) Tornadoes

Head Coach – Derek Pizzey
Assistant Coach – Lance Meyer
Team Manager – Vacant

Squirt Rec (#2) Hurricanes

Head Coach – John Dunn
Assistant Coach – Vacant
Team Manager – Vacant

PeeWee Rec Tornadoes

Head Coach – Jeff Ferguson
Associate Coach – Rod Britten
Associate Coach – Rick Campbell
Team Manager – Michael Mudge

PeeWee Tier-II Selects

Head Coach – Steve Mertel
Associate Coach – Harry Smith
Assistant Coach – Bob Sellers
Team Manager – James Barber

Bantam Rec (#1) Tornadoes

Head Coach – Cam Randall
Assistant Coach – Vacant
Team Manager – Vacant

Bantam Rec (#2) Hurricanes

Head Coach – Chuck Cadiente
Assistant Coach – Vacant
Team Manager – Teri Hansen

Midget Rec Tornadoes

Head Coach – Rob Austin
Assistant Coach – Jeff Paradee
Assistant Coach – Shane Planck
Assistant Coach – Tanner Coughlin
Team Manager – Dawn Rutherford

Midget Tier-II

Head Coach – Danny Lorenz
Assistant Coach – Jay Johnston
Team Manager – Karina Jennings

Danny Lorenz, KVHA Hockey Director, and Les Grauer, KVIC Director of Operations, both warned that some additional changes will likely occur over the next week or two if late enrollments increase at some age levels. Grauer also cautioned that we could still see some changes to the KVHA master ice schedule. He advised KVHA members to stay tuned and double-check the ice schedules before they make a trip to the ice rink.

School Must Come First for KVHA Hockey Players

Over the past few days I've enjoyed viewing the posts of photos on Facebook of many of KVHA's hockey players headed off for their first day of school for the 2013/2014 school year. Their smiles and enthusiasm for the start of school is encouraging. I would hope they are able to maintain those smiles and enthusiasm throughout both the school year and the hockey season. KVHA encourages its hockey players to focus on schooling, homework and coursework as their number one priority. Danny Lorenz, KVHA's Hockey Director, said; *"Our view is that school should be a priority for all of our hockey players at all levels. School is important for their future personal success. Our players need to be prepared for life after hockey. Education is a major factor in that preparation."*

Making school first and hockey second is a universal philosophy. Darcy Cahill, former professional hockey player and newly appointed coach of the Dublin Coffman High School hockey team in Dublin, Ohio, said; *"I'm not into making predictions, but obviously I want our team to have success. I believe schooling comes first and hockey is second, because if you do well in school, you're going to do well on the ice as well. I know these kids and this team have all kinds of potential."*

Education is a priority even in the NHL. Below is a story that should help make that point.

San Jose Sharks Development Camp Update: Education is First Priority in Tommy Wingels Household

The 23-Year-Old Is Committed To Finishing College and Making It In The NHL

By Alison High - Staff Writer, July 2011



When Tommy Wingels was growing up, hockey always came second. In the Wingels household, school was the first priority. Even if making it to the National Hockey League became an option, there was no wiggle room when it came to earning a college degree.

So when Wingels went to play for the American Hockey League's Worcester Sharks following his junior season at Miami University of Ohio, there was no doubt in his mind he'd find a way to finish his education. So he signed up for summer school and committed to his upper division requirements.

The 23-year-old is currently enrolled in his final class and will receive his bachelor's in Accounting on Aug. 3.

"Graduating was something I wanted to do," said Wingels from Sharks Development Camp. "My whole life, it was about going to school and getting my college education. So when I had the opportunity this summer to go back – I had three classes left – I took two at the start of the summer and I'm currently in my last one."

This is the type of story that you so rarely get to read. An athlete gets drafted, leaves college early, but is committed to finishing his education. If you're looking for a role model for your kids – look no further than Wingels.

Read the full story at <http://sharks.nhl.com/club/news.htm?id=569704>

KVHA's Mertel Sinks "Hole in One" shot at Kent Golf Course

Upon reading the above headline you probably concluded that KVHA Coach Steve Mertel had scored the amazing once-in-a-lifetime shot. But, you would be wrong. It was the youngest Mertel, Zachary age 8 that shot the hole in one. Zachary, a member of the KVHA Squirts, made the amazing shot at the City of Kent Par 3 Riverbend golf course on September 2nd. Jan Mertel, Zachary's mom posted the feat on Facebook; *"My parents have been taking the boys to the par 3 golf course at Riverbend in Kent...today was the 3rd time. Today, on the 8th hole, Zachary took his driver and launched it 83 yards for a HOLE IN ONE!!!! Another player who had just finished hole 8 saw the whole thing and asked Zachary for his autograph! He then went to the clubhouse to tell an employee who proceeded to come out on the course and not only congratulate Zachary, but also give him a metal plate with a piece of paper. The instructions are very specific. He's to have it engraved with his name, the date, and how far he drove the ball for the hole in one and bring it back. It will forever be posted on a plaque in the clubhouse!!"*

Like many of KVHA's hockey players, Zachary participates in multiple sports. In addition to ice hockey Zachary is working his way through the various belts in Karate and plays baseball and soccer. Congratulations Zachary.

Quote of the Day!

Celebrating with Stanley:

"When the Stanley Cup sunk to the bottom of Mario Lemieux's swimming pool, I was the one who dove in and rescued it. I saved Stanley. It was a fun moment, but I was actually a bit taken aback by it all. Things had gotten out of hand, and when I saw it at the bottom of the pool I just thought that we had crossed a line. The Cup is all about respect, and I didn't want to disrespect it. So I told everybody there that the Cup was not going to go back in the pool again, and that was that. I didn't hear any arguments. How it got in there in the first place is another story altogether. I will never forget seeing Phil Bourque climb way to hell up to the top of Mario's waterfall, maybe 30 feet up there on this rock outcropping, ready to jump into the pool with the Cup. I just yelled up to him, 'Bourquey, the Cup will survive, but you might not!' That was when he tossed it in and decided to climb back down. I then went into lifeguard mode and dove in after Stanley. What a day that was."

Bryan Trottier, Stanley Cup winner with New York Islanders 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983; Pittsburgh 1991 and 1992; and Colorado 2001 (Assistant Coach)

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

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