



First Games of the New Season Will be Played This Weekend at KVIC

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. September 6, 2012 – Kent Valley Ice Center's Sunday ice schedule was originally full of practice times for some of Kent Valley's teams. However, coaches are anxious to test their teams in actual game competitions prior to the beginning of the regular season. So, three exhibition games have replaced team practices for Sunday. The Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects will play the Team Seattle 99's at 8:15am, the Kent Valley PeeWee Tier-II Selects will test their skills against the Kitsap County Warriors at 9:40am and Danny Lorenz's Midget Tier-II Selects will face the Team Seattle Midget Minors Tier-II at 11:20am. Best wishes to all our teams as they prepare for the new season.

Break-In at The Yakima Ice Rink Threatens the Start of Yakima's Hockey Season

The Yakima Ice Rink, Yakima, WA. August 23, 2012 – Monday night, August 20th, the Yakima Ice Rink was vandalized by thieves who cut and stole all of the major electrical wiring that runs the compressor, pump, cooling tower and more. The thieves also cut many of the major power lines inside the fuse boxes and made off with the rink's supply of tools.

A spokesperson for The Yakima Ice Rink said; *"As many of you know, the ice rink is our ONE and ONLY community ice rink here in Yakima and is run by volunteers. It provides all the public skating, ice hockey and figure skating to the community. This break in very much hinders our ability to start the rink up for the community this fall. That said it doesn't mean we are going to give up. Thanks to KIMA News and the internet we are working hard to spread the word. Our hope is that people will have something (anything) to offer to help."* Here is a quick list of things the rink needs and ways you can help.

The Yakima Ice Rink needs:

- Licensed Electricians
- Electrical Supplies (TBD)
- Financial contributions

There likely isn't much KVHA members can do to help with the first two items on the list of needs. However, members can open up their pocket books and provide some financial support in the way of contributions via the ice rink's website at the URL below:

<http://www.yakimaicerink.com/>

You will find a donation button as you scroll down the front page. The Yakima Ice Rink is a nonprofit organization run by a group of volunteers. Your donation will tax deductible.

Kent Valley Hockey Association wishes a speedy return to full operation for The Yakima Ice Rink.

Learn to Play Hockey Sessions Begin September 23rd

Do you know of any five to eight year olds, even older for that matter, that have expressed an interest in playing hockey? Well, now is the time to get them registered for Kent Valley's Learn to Play sessions. Full details are available on the Kent Valley Hockey Association web site at the following URL:

<http://www.kentvalleyhockey.com/teaminformation/learntoplay.html>

[Click here](#) for Registration Information.

Kent Valley Pro Shop Slashes Prices on Hockey Sticks

The Kent Valley Pro Shop is offering discounts on what's left of last season's supply of hockey sticks. The Bauer sticks are discounted 15% and the two remaining Easton sticks are being discounted 25%. Earlier this week, Rena Sullivan, Pro Shop Manager said; "New

inventory is due to arrive in the next week to ten days. We need to clear out the old to make room for the new."

Introducing the New NPSHL Website for 2012/2013

KVHA Members are invited to check out the new North Puget Sound Hockey League (NPSHL) website at <http://www.npshl.com/>. The website for our recreation teams was recently upgraded with new functionality.

In addition to being the authority source of schedules, standings and league information, the new NPSHL website will allow each team to have their own team website with schedules, stats, rosters, news, photos and anything else that the coaches/managers wish to include. There's also an equipment exchange where you can sell/buy equipment for your players.

Once the season schedule is set and coaches/managers are named, features will start lighting up. Thanks to the NPSHL for upgrading their website to better serve league members.

KVHA Registration Tops Last Season's Numbers

KVHA's Management Team is excited at the increase in enrollment over last season's numbers. *"Registration started out slow but gathered momentum over the past two weeks and they are still coming in to register,"* said Rena Sullivan, KVHA's Registrar. Even with the higher enrollment, Kent Valley had to pull the plug on its planned U16 team. KVHA's Hockey Director, Danny Lorenz said; *"Mid-summer, we thought we would have enough players to field Midget Rec, Midget U16 Tier-II and Midget U18 Tier-II teams. In the end, we just didn't come up with enough players for the U16 Tier-II team."*

KVHA expects enrollment numbers to grow a bit more over the next few weeks as last minute LTP registrations come in and final cuts are made at Team Seattle and other higher level teams. The 2012/2013 season is shaping up just fine.

PNAHA Website Gets New Look and Feel for 2012/2013

KVHA Members are invited to check out the new Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA) website at <http://www.pnaha.com/>. New elected PNAHA President, Gordon Brown, has spearheaded the overhaul of the PNAHA website. Members are encouraged to check it out and become familiar with its contents. Well done Gord!

Quote of the Day!

The True Meaning of Winning the Cup:

"When we finally won it in 2001 I thought I was going to be super happy and elated, but it turned out to be more of a moment of reflection. When that final buzzer went off I just immediately started thinking about all of the people who gave up so much of themselves so that I could pursue my passion. All of the time, money, energy, and the sacrifices that they made, I just felt so fortunate at that moment, and really it became less about me and much more about them. There were just so many people along the way who helped me and encouraged me, and I just can't thank them enough. Without them, I never would have been in that position... Aside from family, it was one of the greatest moments of my life."

Shjon Podein, Stanley Cup winner with Colorado 2001

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

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