Let the Season Begin and the Whistles Blow!

Kent, WA September 22, 2008 – KVHA's 2008/2009 hockey season is underway as teams begin exhibition play and tiering games. Even though "tiering" is not a valid word, according to my Microsoft spelling dictionary, I've added it along with my interpretation of the term's definition:

> **Tiering** – *The process in which PNAHA (Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association) member teams (those classified as Tier-II) compete in pre-season play to determine their placement, based on win/loss record, in a higher or lower bracket in which to play league games for the balance of the season. Non-League (NL) teams will compete in the pre-season "tiering" but will not participate in league play throughout the season. Non-League and Higher bracket teams will compete in the PNAHA State Tournaments and will have the opportunity to advance to Pacific District Tournaments. The winner of the lower bracket league may choose to compete in the PNAHA State Tournament at the higher level for an opportunity to advance to Districts. Lower level teams compete in their own PNAHA State Tournament but do not advance beyond State.*

Confused? Me too! It makes me wonder why they just don't create a Tier-III. With that, on with the latest game summaries…

Squirt Tier-II Selects Test the Water at Puget Sound

The KVHA Squirt Tier-II Selects travelled to Puget Sound Sunday September 15th for exhibition play with the Puget Sound Squirt Tier-II team. The Selects came away with 2-2 tie. Following is the scoring summary:

Mikey Thomas came away with 1 goal and 1 assist, while Elliot Plourde got credit for 2 assists, Dawson Myers earned 1 goal and Goalie Cam Hansen turned away 14 of 16 shots-on-goal. The Selects fired 32 shots at the Puget Sound goal.

<u>Score after each period:</u>
- 1st period 0-0
- 2nd period Tacoma 2 - KVHA 1 (Thomas scored first goal of game from Plourde)
- 3rd period 2-2 (Myers' goal tied it up from Thomas and Plourde.)

Selects Coach Adam Speer had this comment following the game; *"We did some things really well and are learning how to play together. We need to finish our chances and continue to work on conditioning."*

U-18 Selects Take Two of Two in First Outing of the Season

U-18 Coach Danny Lorenz collected two wins on his first outing as a Kent Valley Coach. The KVHA U-18 Selects faced off against the Portland Jr. Winter Hawks U-18 team in back to back games at KVIC on Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st.

The Selects, sporting a short roster of 10 players (including 1 goalie), snuck by Portland with a 4 to 3 victory on Saturday. Penalties plagued the Selects as Portland took advantage of two of nine power play opportunities. In return the Selects took advantage of four Portland penalties scoring two power play goals. Goalie Sean MacFarlane stopped 19 of 22 Portland shots. Eliot Grauer, Tyler Sybil, Anthony Petruzzelli, and Ryan Doner scored goals with assists credited to Kyle Blondin, Tyler Dunn, Cory James and Alex Tindle. Select penalties totaled 18 minutes. The Selects managed 15 shots on the Portland goal. All 4 Kent Valley goals were scored in the first period of play. Portland scored all 3 of their goals during the second period of play.

Sunday's outing was clearly in favor of the KVHA Selects as they downed the Jr. Winter Hawks by a score of 5 to 1. Penalties again plagued the Selects as they took 9 penalties for a total of 34 minutes in bench time. Cory James scored twice during the contest, his second goal coming late in the third period on a rare penalty shot opportunity. Tyler Dunn scored at 6:41 of the first with assists from Tyler Sybil and Anthony Petruzzelli. Ryan Doner scored at 2:05 of the second with an assist from Eliot Grauer. Cory James scored at 10:49 of the second with assists from Anthony Petruzzelli and Tyler Dunn. Petruzzelli scored at 2:45 of the third assisted by Tyler Sybil. Cory James' penalty shot rounded out Kent Valley's scoring for the game. Selects' Goalie Sean MacFarlane turned away 10 of 11 Portland shots on goal. The Selects had 29 shots on the Portland goal.

Tiering Game Results for KVHA Teams

KVHA's PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Tier-II teams are involved in PNAHA's Pre-Season Tiering Event. Detailed results are available on the PNAHA web site at the following link: PNAHA Tiering Standings

The following summaries were copied from the PNAHA web site:

PNAHA PeeWee Tier-II Standings (as of 09/22/08)

Team Name	Games Played	Win	Loss	Tie	Goals For	Goals Against	Points	Win %
Kent Valley (NL) Rainiers	3	3	0	0	28	0	6	1.000
Kent (L) Selects	4	2	2	0	9	5	4	0.500
SnoKing (NL)	3	2	1	0	11	3	4	0.667
Seattle Jr. (L)	4	1	3	0	5	25	2	0.250
SnoKing (L)	4	1	3	0	3	23	2	0.250
Spokane (NL)	1	1	0	0	7	1	2	1.000
Tri-Cities (L)	1	0	1	0	1	7	0	0.000

PNAHA Bantam Tier-II Standings (as of 09/22/08)

Team Name	Games Played	Win	Loss	Tie	Goals For	Goals Against	Points	Win %
Whatcom (NL)	3	3	0	0	21	5	6	1.000
Yakima (L)	3	3	0	0	22	0	6	1.000
Seattle Jr. (NL)	3	2	1	0	8	4	4	0.667
Seattle Jr. (L)	2	1	1	0	7	2	2	0.500
SnoKing (L)	3	1	2	0	6	12	2	0.333
Tri-Cities	2	1	1	0	5	8	2	0.500
Kent (L) Selects	2	0	2	0	4	11	0	0.000
Puget Sound (L)	2	0	2	0	1	16	0	0.000
Spokane (NL)	2	0	2	0	2	18	0	0.000

PNAHA Midget Tier-II Standings (as of 09/22/08)

Team Name	Games Played	Win	Loss	Tie	Goals For	Goals Against	Points	Win %
Puget Sound (L)	5	3	2	0	19	6	6	0.600
Seattle Jr. (L)	4	3	1	0	22	2	6	0.750
SnoKing-1 (L)	4	3	1	0	5	2	6	0.750
Whatcom (NL)	5	3	2	0	12	11	6	0.600
Tri-Cities (L)	2	1	0	1	11	4	3	0.500
SnoKing-2 (L)	5	1	4	0	5	29	2	0.200
Spokane (L)	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0.000
Kent (L) Selects	3	0	3	0	4	17	0	0.000
Wenatchee (L)	1	0	1	0	3	10	0	0.000

Any variance between the standings above and the game record below is the result of PNAHA having not yet received the official game report. The standings do not change until the official game record is received and verified. Therefore, the game record below is unofficial.

KVHA PeeWee (NL) Rainiers (3-wins/0-losses)

09/18/2008	Kent (L) Selects **0**	vs.	Kent (NL) Rainiers **1**	at Kent
09/20/2008	Kent (NL) Rainiers **15**	vs.	SnoKing (L) **0**	at Kingsgate
09/21/2008	Seattle Jr. (L) **0**	vs.	Kent (NL) Rainiers **12**	at Kent

KVHA PeeWee (L) Selects (2-wins/2-losses)

09/18/2008	Kent (L) Selects **0**	vs.	Kent (NL) Rainiers **1**	at Kent
09/20/2008	SnoKing (NL) **3**	vs	Kent (L) **1**	at Kent
09/20/2008	SnoKing (L) **0**	vs.	Kent (L) **5**	at Kent
09/21/2008	Kent (L) **3**	vs.	Seattle Jr. (L) **1**	at Lynnwood

KVHA Bantam (L) Selects (1-wins/5-losses)

09/19/2008	Puget Sound (L) **0**	vs.	Kent (L) Selects **3**	at Kent
09/20/2008	Kent (L) Selects **1**	vs.	SnoKing (L) **3**	at Kingsgate
09/20/2008	Kent (L) Selects **2**	vs.	Seattle Jr. (L) **3**	at Lynnwood
09/21/2008	Kent (L) Selects **3**	vs.	Whatcom (NL) **8**	at Puget Sound
09/21/2008	Seattle Jr. (NL) **7**	vs.	Kent (L) Selects **0**	at Kent

KVHA Midget (L) Selects (0-wins/4-losses)

09/19/2008	Seattle Jr. (L) **7**	vs.	Kent (L) Selects **0**	at Kent
09/20/2008	Puget Sound (L) **7**	vs.	Kent (L) Selects **0**	at Kent
09/21/2008	Kent (L) Selects **1**	vs.	Whatcom (NL) **5**	at Puget Sound
09/21/2008	Kent (L) Selects **3**	vs.	SnoKing-2 (L) **5**	at Castle

KVHA Managers Meeting 6:00pm Thursday September 25th

Rena Sullivan, KVHA Registrar, has scheduled a Team Managers meeting for Thursday September 25th at 6:00pm in the banquet room. If you are a Team Manager and are unable to attend please find a replacement to attend in your place. A variety of very important team administration information as well as information regarding the KVHA auction will be shared with Managers.

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