



Exhibition Games Highlight Beginning of 2010/2011 Hockey Season

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA – KVHA News for 21 September, 2010 – It was a winning weekend of exhibition games in Kent as three Kent Valley teams played in exhibition games at Kent Valley Ice Centre and the Seattle Thunderbirds faced off against the Portland Winterhawks in exhibition play at ShoWare Center Saturday evening. Yes, all wins for the local teams!

Saturday marked the T-Bird's first ShoWare game of the season and final exhibition game of the pre-season. I thought the T-Birds played well against the Winterhawks considering the Winterhawks had such a strong showing in exhibition games earlier in pre-season play. Seattle got the win in spite of having two of their veteran players away attending their NHL camps. Danny Lorenz was quick to point out that Portland had nine of their veterans off at NHL camps. Oh my!!! Hmmm... Nine? Really, nine? Well, uh; never mind then.

Three Kent Valley teams tested the ice this weekend. The PeeWee Tier-II selects invited the Puget Sound PeeWee Tier-II Tomahawks up I-5 for an exhibition game. Our Midget Tornadoes invited the Kitsap County Outlaws to travel across the pond to Kent Valley for an exhibition game. And, the Midget U18 Tier-II Selects hosted the Tri-Cities U18 Jr. Americans for Saturday and Sunday exhibition games. All of the Kent Valley teams won their matches and I don't believe any of the teams had players off at NHL camps. Below are the details:

PeeWee Tier-II Selects (8) vs Puget Sound Tier-II Tomahawks (1)

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 19 September, 2010 – The Selects' Elliot Plourde got his team's first goal of the season and went on to tap in two more in the final period to earn a "Hat Trick" and cap the team's outstanding season opening exhibition win against the Puget Sound Tier-II Tomahawks. Coach Speer got a well rounded performance out of his team as the Selects outshot the Tomahawks 40 to 7. Goalies Cam Hansen and Carson Zadina were both tested, splitting playing time with Hansen stopping 2 shots in the first half and Zadina handling 5 shots in the last half of the game. Dawson Myers also played well scoring two unassisted goals, one in the first period and another in the second period. Andrew Bell was the point leader for the Selects scoring 2 goals, 1 power play and the other short-handed, and earning 3 assists for a total of 5 points. Ian Doner scored his first goal of the season while JJ Blondin and Calen Randall each tallied assists. Dennis Zaks is still out, recovering from a leg injury.

Midget Tornadoes Top Kitsap Outlaws in Exhibition

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 18 September, 2010 – The Kitsap Outlaws managed to get just one puck past Tornadoes' Goalkeeper Josh Severeid on Saturday. Severeid almost escaped with a shutout. But, the Outlaws scored their only goal of the game with 26 seconds remaining to play in the game. Tommy Peebles led scoring for the Tornadoes with 2 goals and 1 assist. Taylor Birkeland scored the team's first goal of the season, unassisted mid-way through the first period. Paul Pinkoski scored at 13:29 of the second period on an assist from Peebles. Kyle Miller-Smith scored at 10:23 of the second with an assist from Birkeland. Brendan Laik assisted Peebles' first goal at 7:31 left in the second period while Tanner Coughlin assisted Peebles' second goal at 6:33 in the third. Jared Prado scored the Tornadoes' sixth and final goal at 5:54 of the third on an assist from Casey Brockes.

Midget U18 Tier-II Selects Take Two from Tri-Cities U18 Jr. Americans in Exhibition Play

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 19 September, 2010 – The Kent Valley Midget U18 Tier-II Selects' played back to back exhibition games against the Tri-Cities U18 Jr. Americans Saturday and Sunday. The final score was Kent Valley 4 and Tri-Cities 2 in both games. However, that's where similarities between the two games ended. Saturday's game was a

"get to know each other" game followed by Sunday's "in your face" challenge. While the score was identical from one game to the other, the penalty counts were not. Each team incurred 10 minutes in penalties on Saturday while Kent Valley had 22 minutes and Tri-City had 32 minutes on Sunday. The Jr. Americans upped their fire power on Sunday almost doubling Saturday's shots on goal against the Kent Valley Selects. The Selects took better advantage of power play opportunities on Sunday by scoring 3 power play goals on 7 opportunities while Tri-City scored 1 power play goal on 6 opportunities.

Below is the scoring summary:

Game 1: Kent Valley Selects (4) vs. Tri-City Jr. Americans (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	7:57	Eric Jennings from Wyatt Duncan & Johnny Scherer
Tri-City	1	6:46	Jason Shuck from Steven Sordahl & Jarryd Mitchell
Kent Valley	1	1:22	Damon Hanson from Kale Pokrzywinski
Kent Valley	2	12:55	Jeremy Clark (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	13:45	Mikey Julin from Noah Bloxton & Damon Hanson
Tri-City	3	8:09	Jason Shuck from Garrison Darby
Kent Valley's Dima Nikitin stopped 13 of 15 shots on goal for 87%. Tri-City's Phillip Schwartz stopped 36 of 40 shots on goal for 90%. Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes and Tri-City had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes.			
Game 2: Kent Valley Selects (4) vs. Tri-City Jr. Americans (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	8:59	Kale Pokrzywinski (Unassisted & Power Play)
Tri-City	1	5:24	Alexander Higley (Unassisted & Power Play)
Tri-City	1	5:02	Garrison Darby from Steven Sordahl
Kent Valley	2	12:09	Mikey Anderson from Damon Hansen & Jeremy Clark (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	2:12	Damon Hanson from Jeremy Clark
Kent Valley	3	9:26	Buck Scougale from Jeremy Clark & Mikey Julin (Power Play)
Kent Valley's Troy Turpin stopped 25 of 27 shots on goal for 93%. Tri-City's Graeme Freeman stopped 32 of 36 for 89%. Kent Valley had 11 minor penalties for 22 minutes and Tri-City had 11 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for a total of 32 minutes.			

PNAHA Tier-II Tiering Games Begin This Saturday

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 21 September, 2010 – Kent Valley's weekend Ice Schedule (September 25th & 26th) now includes the first round of local PNAHA Tiering Games. Tiering games will impact next week's mid-week schedule as well as next week's weekend schedule. KVHA will not post the teams involved in local games since PNAHA prefers that their web site be the official site for Tiering Game schedules, who is playing whom, where and when.

Members may [Click Here](#) for a link to the PNAHA schedules. Once there, select the desired **Age Division** followed by selecting the **Schedule** tab.

Nine teams are involved in the PeeWee Tier-II pool, nine in the Bantam Tier-II pool and eight in the Midget Tier-II pool. All Tiering Games should be complete by the end of the October 2nd and 3rd weekend.

Quote of the Day

"It's too easy when you're not winning to look for excuses and point at others for reasons. You can say: 'Oh, well, it's this guy's fault or they don't do this well.' Or you can say: 'I've got to play better and contribute more.' You've got to find another gear and come up with big games."

Sean Burke NHL (17 seasons) and Goalie Coach, Phoenix Coyotes 2009/2010

See you at the rink!

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