



Tiering Games Highlight Weekend Hockey for Kent Valley Teams and LTP is Underway

Learn to Play Hockey (LTP) is Underway

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA – KVHA News for 29 September, 2010 – Sixty-some hopefuls took the ice Sunday at Kent Valley Ice Centre for session #1 of Kent Valley Hockey Association's **Learn to Play Hockey** program. It wasn't apparent who was more nervous, the new hockey players, their parents or the coaches. Oh yeah, there were some tears, some stumbling, falling and maybe even a bruised ego here and there. However, there was progress and in the end it looked like most everyone had fun as they embarked upon their young hockey careers. These young boys and girls, all of them under the age of 10, are the future of Kent Valley Hockey Association. Before you know it they'll be starting and stopping with ease, skating backward, doing crossovers, zipping around the cones on their outside edges and spraying up a cloud of snow with a well-executed hockey stop!

I remember instructing beginning skaters many years ago at the old Ice Plaza in Bellevue. One of my initial goals was to teach all of the new skaters how to get up and back onto their skates after a fall. Once that was accomplished, I'd work on getting them all to line up on the blue line and wait for my whistle to begin skating. Then, I'd blow my whistle and they'd all crumple to the ice. I considered my efforts successful when only half of them would fall at the sound of the whistle. Like the volunteers who assisted Danny Lorenz, KVHA Hockey Director, I enjoyed working with the beginners. It was gratifying to watch their progress. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped launch the careers of the latest crop of Kent Valley hockey players.

LTP Time Change This Sunday

This Sunday's **Learn to Play** session, October 3rd, will begin at 11.50am and run until 12.50pm due to tiering games at Kent Valley Ice Centre. We'll resume the following Sunday at our regular time slot of 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Thunderbird Players will Assist LTP

Several Seattle Thunderbird players will be making their first appearance with our beginners this Sunday. Thanks to T-Birds General Manager, Russ Farwell, for coordinating the participation of T-Bird players.

Picture Day is October 25th

The annual KVHA PICTURE DAY is Monday October 25th. Full details are available at www.KentValleyHockey.com. Just click upon the photographer icon on the front page. The LTP players will have their photos taken at 6:00pm.

Assistants Needed for LTP

Anyone interested in helping and joining our coaching staff please call Rena 253-850-2400 x10. All you need to participate is USA Hockey registration and background check completed. No coaching certification is required for LTP.

Thank you

A special shout out of thanks to Maria Smith, Jan Mertel, Coach Harry, Coach Jay, Coach Steve, Coach Jeff, and Coach Rob for their continuing help with our LTP program and their assistance in getting us started again on the right foot!

A quick LTP recap from last Sunday for all of you that may be curious.

We separated everyone into 3 groups depending on size but primarily on skating ability and past experience. Each group is identified by the color of tape on their helmets. This is a still a work in progress!

Players can be moved up or around depending on development and/or comfort level throughout our program.

RED TAPE (pre-beginner-first timers)

GREEN TAPE (middle beginner)

WHITE TAPE (advanced beginner)

Next we had our group gathering in the middle of the ice where we discussed our Team Rules:

1. We listen to Coach when he's speaking and instructing
2. We rest in Hockey Resting Position (no laying or sitting down on ice)
3. We keep our stick blade on the ice at all times to be safe
4. We raise our hand and get Coaches attention when we need to leave the ice surface (ie bathroom, feeling sick)

We have these rules to be safe and have fun!

Here are the scores from games played this past weekend:

Win	KVHA PeeWee Tier-II Selects	11	vs.	Wenatchee PeeWee Tier-II	1
Win	KVHA PeeWee Tier-II Selects	4	vs.	Tri-Cities PeeWee Tier-II	2
Loss	KVHA PeeWee Tier-II Selects	0	vs.	Spokane Jr. Chiefs (NL)	8
Loss	KVHA PeeWee Tier-II Selects	0	vs.	SnoKing PeeWee A-1	2
Win	KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects	5	vs.	Whatcom Tier-II Warriors	2
Win	KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects	10	vs.	Puget Sound Midget Tier-II	0
Win	KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects	6	vs.	SnoKing Midget Tier-II	0
Tie	KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects	0	vs.	Seattle Jr. Tier-II Admirals	0

PeeWee Tier-II Selects Dominate Wenatchee Jr. Wild in Tiering Competition

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 25 September, 2010 – Kent Valley's PeeWee Tier-II Selects had a successful outing Saturday morning at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Elliot Plourde again led off scoring for the Selects earning a Hat Trick and two assists for five points. Andrew Bell matched Plourde's total points by scoring a Hat Trick, plus one, and adding an assist for five points. JJ Blondin and Tom Speer each earned Play Makers, plus one, by assisting on four goals. Ian Doner scored two goals, Dylan Moriarty scored a goal and earned two assists for three points, Mike Thomas earned one assist and Nick Van Halder scored one goal.

Following the game Coach Speer said; *"We liked the intensity our players brought to the ice to start the game."* When asked about the lower intensity in the second period, only 5 shots in the second period compared to 11 and 15 in the first and third, Speer commented; *"We took a couple of penalties in the second and lost D-man Dawson Meyers to a lower body injury, both of which contributed to some juggled lines and we kind of lost that edge for awhile. Nick Pokrzywinski shut down their top scorer and Emily Atkins played tough on D as well."* As for future tiering games Speer said; *"We're just going to try to play hard and move the puck and we'll see how things work out. Today was a good start."*

The Selects were 50% on power play opportunities. Wenatchee was 0 for 3 on the power play. The Selects outshot Wenatchee 31 to 10. Next up in tiering play for the Selects is a game against SnoKing's (non-league) Tier-II team at Kent Valley Ice Centre on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00pm.

Below is the scoring summary:

Kent Valley Selects (11) vs. Wenatchee Jr. Wild (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	0:15	Elliot Plourde from Andrew Bell
Kent Valley	1	1:19	Andrew Bell (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	1:26	Ian Doner from Tom Speer
Kent Valley	1	9:56	Andrew Bell from JJ Blondin
Kent Valley	1	11:59	Elliot Plourde from Dylan Moriarty (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	14:53	Elliot Plourde (Hat Trick) from JJ Blondin & Dylan Moriarty (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	14:14	Andrew Bell from Tom Speer & JJ Blondin (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	3:50	Nick Van Halder from Tom Speer & Mike Thomas
Wenatchee	3	4:26	Drew Whited from Matt Dorsey
Kent Valley	3	5:10	Dylan Moriarty from Elliot Plourde
Kent Valley	3	12:45	Andrew Bell (Hat Trick) from Tom Speer & JJ Blondin
Kent Valley	3	13:26	Ian Doner from Elliot Plourde (Power Play)
Kent Valley's Cam Hansen stopped 9 of 10 shots on goal for 90%. Wenatchee's Ethan Phillips stopped 16 of 26 shots on goal for 62% and Alesey Schroeder stopped 4 of 5 shots on goal for 80%. Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes and Wenatchee had 8 minor penalties for a total of 16 minutes.			

PeeWee Tier-II Selects Split Sunday Outings with Win over Tri-Cities and a Loss to Spokane

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 26 September, 2010 – The Kent Valley PeeWee Tier-II Selects carried Saturday's success against Wenatchee into an early Sunday morning contest against the Tri-Cities PeeWee Tier-II Jr. Americans at Kent Valley Ice Centre. The Selects topped the Jr. Americans 4 to 2. The Selects' Carson Zadina played well in goal turning away 21 of 23 Tri-Cities' shots on goal. The Selects were outshot by the Jr. Americans 17 to 23.

Below is the scoring summary:

Kent Valley Selects (4) vs. Tri-Cities Jr. Americans (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	14:43	Andrew Bell from Elliot Plourde & Dylan Moriarty
Kent Valley	1	12:17	Camden Ward from Nick Van Halder
Tri-Cities	1	2:25	Brendan Winslow (Unassisted)
Tri-Cities	2	11:37	Brendan Winslow from Sean Mallonee
Kent Valley	2	7:00	Ian Doner from Mike Thomas
Kent Valley	2	6:00	Nick Van Halder from Calen Randall & Camden Ward
Kent Valley's Carson Zadina stopped 21 of 23 shots on goal for 91%. Tri-Cities' Justin Lane stopped 13 of 17 shots on goal for 76%. Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes and Tri-Cities had 7 minor penalties for a total of 14 minutes.			

Tough Spokane Team Tops PeeWee Selects 8 to 0

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 26 September, 2010 – Sunday's late afternoon game was a tough match for the Selects against the Spokane Jr. Chiefs (NL). The NL designation means the Spokane team will play in the PNAHA Tiering process but not in regular season play. Instead, they will play a tournament schedule rather than the PNAHA league.

The Selects' Cam Hansen faced a barrage of 42 shots on goal turning away 36 of those shots for a respectable 86% save rate. While the Jr. Chiefs were firing 42 shots at Hansen his teammates managed only 6 shots on the Spokane goal. The Selects have until the end of the PNAHA league to work on honing their hockey skills for the next potential meeting with this strong team. Go Selects!

Kent Valley PeeWee Tier-II Selects Fall to Seattle Jr. & SnoKing PeeWee Combined Team, 0 to 2.

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 29 September, 2010 – An enthusiastic crowd of supporters showed up at Kent Valley Ice Centre Wednesday to watch Kent Valley's PeeWee Tier-II Selects play the Seattle Jr./SnoKing PeeWee Tier-II combined team in PNAHA tiering competition. Kent Valley's Selects played well against the best 11-year-olds combined from the Seattle Jr. and SnoKing hockey associations. Kent Valley was outshot 24 to 10 by the combined team. Kent Valley's Carson Zadina turned away 22 of 24 shots on goal for a very respectable 92% save rate. Penalties were minimal, 5 minors for Kent Valley and 3 minors for the combined team.

Midget U18 Tier-II Selects Handle Whatcom 5 to 2

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 25 September, 2010 – The Kent Valley Midget U18 Tier-II Selects faced off Saturday morning against the Whatcom Tier-II Warriors. The Selects scored four goals before the Warriors got their first goal near the end of the second period. Buck Scougale took advantage of a power play opportunity to score the Selects' first goal on assists from Mikey Anderson and Ryan Kaluza. Jacob Becker scored two back-to-back goals, three minutes apart, to wrap up the first period scoring. Becker's first goal was unassisted. His second goal was assisted by Damon Hanson and Buck Scougale. The Selects' fourth goal was a power play goal scored by Mikey Anderson from Taylor Birkeland and Steven Farwell. Damon Hanson scored the Selects' final goal with 6:29 remaining to play. Hanson was assisted by Aaron Turpin.

Below is the scoring summary:

Kent Valley Selects (5) vs. Whatcom Warriors (2)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	11:21	Buck Scougale from Mikey Anderson & Ryan Kaluza (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	5:36	Jacob Becker (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	8:34	Jacob Becker from Damon Hanson & Kyle Pokrzywinski
Kent Valley	2	11:55	Mikey Anderson from Taylor Birkeland & Steven Farwell (Power Play)
Whatcom	2	3:50	Val Degado from Luke Wagner & Andre Roberge
Whatcom	3	9:36	Jonathan Wagner from Mason Wade & F. Walker Hardisty
Kent Valley	3	6:29	Damon Hanson from Aaron Turpin
Kent Valley's Troy Turpin stopped 21 of 23 shots on goal for 91%. Whatcom's Bryan MaClean stopped 8 of 13 shots on goal for 62%. Kent Valley had 6 minor penalties for 12 minutes and Whatcom had 7 minor penalties for 14 minutes.			

Puget Sound Tomahawks Frustrated by Kent Valley Selects in Tiering Play – Final Score Selects 10, Tomahawks 0

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 26 September, 2010 – It's probably a good thing the shots on goal were not recorded on the score sheet for this contest. It would have been just another indication of the Tomahawks' frustration with the strong play of the Selects. Only two

Selects failed to earn points in the contest. Taylor Birkeland and Ryan Kaluza each contributed 3 points, Johnny Scherer, Mikey Anderson, and Jereme Clark each earned 2 points and most of the other members of the team each scored a goal or an assist. The biggest indicator of the Tomahawks frustration was in the penalty column. The Tomahawks took 11 minor penalties, 2 major misconduct penalties and 1 game misconduct penalty for a total of 52 penalty minutes. The Selects had 4 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for a total of 18 penalty minutes. The Selects were able to take advantage of 4 of 10 power play opportunities to go 40% on the power play. Puget Sound went 0 for 3 on the power play. That's pretty much the story of the game.

Here's the scoring summary:

Kent Valley Selects (10) vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks (0)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	13:26	Aaron Turpin from Tyler Jennings & Jereme Clark
Kent Valley	1	12:18	Johnny Scherer from Taylor Birkeland & Wyatt Duncan
Kent Valley	1	7:19	William Scougale from Caleb Bromley
Kent Valley	1	2:53	Kale Pokrzywinski from Erik Jennings & Noah Bloxton (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	9:17	Taylor Birkeland from Ryan Kaluza (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	6:17	Taylor Birkeland from Mikey Julin
Kent Valley	3	12:50	Johnny Scherer from Jereme Clark (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	11:47	Damon Hanson (Unassisted and Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	4:56	Mikey Anderson from Ryan Kaluza
Kent Valley	3	3:28	Ryan Kaluza from Mikey Anderson
Shots on goal were not recorded. Kent Valley had 4 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for 18 minutes and Puget Sound had 11 minor penalties, 2 major misconduct penalties, and 1 game misconduct penalty for 52 minutes.			

SnoKing Tier-II Jr. Thunderbirds Fall to Kent Valley Tier-II Selects 0 to 6 in Tiering Competition

Kingsgate Ice Arena, Kirkland, WA 25 September, 2010 – The Kent Valley Tier-II Selects powered over the SnoKing Tier-II Jr. Thunderbirds 6 to 0 in a late Saturday tiering game at Kingsgate Ice Arena. Tyler Jennings scored book-end goals, the first, a power play goal, got the Selects on the score board in the first period. Jennings was assisted by Damon Hanson and Jacob Becker. Damon Hanson scored the Selects second goal early in the second period assisted by Jereme Clark. The Selects took advantage of another power play opportunity when Aaron Turpin teamed up with Damon Hanson and Caleb Bromley for a power play goal. Taylor Birkeland scored the final goal of the second period with an assist from Wyatt Duncan. Duncan capitalized on another power play opportunity early in the third period for the Selects 5th goal. Tyler Jennings teamed up with Hanson and Becker again to score the last goal of the game and complete his book-end goals.

Danny Lorenz's Selects went 7 for 3 on the power play for a 43% power play conversion rate. The Selects power play has been strong in recent games. The Selects outshot SnoKing 38 to 9.

Below is the scoring summary:

Kent Valley Selects (10) vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks (0)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	9:31	Tyler Jennings from Damon Hanson & Jacob Becker (Power Play)

Kent Valley	2	14:14	Damon Hanson from Jereme Clark
Kent Valley	2	12:14	Aaron Turpin from Damon Hanson & Caleb Bromley (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	10:22	Taylor Birkeland from Wyatt Duncan
Kent Valley	3	13:43	Wyatt Duncan from William Scougale (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	12:18	Tyler Jennings from Damon Hanson & Jacob Becker
Kent Valley's Troy Turpin stopped 9 of 9 shots on goal to earn the Shutout. SnoKing's Daneil Gorbach stopped 32 of 38 shots on goal for 84%. Kent Valley had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes and SnoKing 7 minor penalties for 14 minutes.			

Midget Tier-II Selects and Seattle Jr. Tier-II Admirals Play to 0 – 0 Tie at Olympic View Arena

Olympic View Arena, Kirkland, WA 26 September, 2010 – By all accounts it was a great game and they don't get any tighter than this one. Taylor Birkeland of the Selects said; *"We had tons of opportunities to score but just couldn't get the puck in the net."* Birkeland went on to explain that the Whatcom Warriors had beaten Seattle Jr. by a score of 5 to 1 in a Midget Tier-II tiering game. Birkeland said; *"We beat the Warriors 5 to 2 a week later. We should have beaten the Seattle Jr. team."* The Selects will have several more opportunities for Birkeland and his teammates to do better than 0 to 0 against Seattle Jr. Admirals.

By the way, even though the Selects didn't win the game, it was the third consecutive game where the opposition failed to score against them. Make that three shutouts in a row. Not bad! Not bad at all... Way to go boyzzz!

Quote of the Day

"For me to look far ahead would be a lot of years wasted, and a lot of time and work wasted, ... I've done the same thing since I was six -- try to get better and have fun playing hockey."

Sidney Crosby

See you at the rink!

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