



KVHA News – T-Birds Will Hoist Two Banners at Saturday’s Home Opener at ShoWare!

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. Friday, September 30, 2016 – The Seattle Thunderbirds will play their season home opener against the Portland Winterhawks Saturday, October 1st at ShoWare Center. The team will celebrate last season’s successful run by raising a U.S. Division Champions and Western Conference Champions banners prior to the start of the game.

The T-Birds, currently ranked 5th in the CHL, are still missing a couple of veterans away at NHL camps. Mathew Barzal is still with the New York Islander and has played in the first of two of the Isles’ pre-season games. He had one assist in that game and played over 16 minutes. However, with or without Barzal, Saturday’s home opener promises to be an exciting game. Don’t be late! You don’t want to miss the raising of the banners. Go Birds!

Kent Valley’s 12U and 14U Selects See Early Season Exhibition Action

Kent Valley’s 12U and 14U Tournament Teams saw early season action with a series of exhibition games with the Portland Jr. Hawks, Seattle Jr. Admirals, Tacoma Rockets and SnoKing Jr. Thunderbirds during September. The 12U Selects lost their first 3 games with Portland and Seattle Jr. and won their last game with SnoKing’s 12U AAA. The 14U Selects fared much better with 3 wins, a tie and a loss. Below are the game scores:

09/17	Loss	Kent Valley 12U Selects	1	vs.	Portland 12U Jr. Hawks	5
09/18	Loss	Kent Valley 12U Selects	0	vs.	Portland 12U Jr. Hawks	5
09/22	Loss	Kent Valley 12U Selects	1	vs.	Seattle Jr. 12U AAA	5
09/23	Win	Kent Valley 12U Selects	6	vs.	SnoKing 12U AAA	3
09/17	Loss	Kent Valley 14U Selects	2	vs.	Portland 14U Jr. Hawks	4
09/18	Tie	Kent Valley 14U Selects	0	vs.	Portland 14U Jr. Hawks	0
09/23	Win	Kent Valley 14U Selects	8	vs.	SnoKing 14U AA	1
09/25	Win	Kent Valley 14U Selects	6	vs.	SnoKing 14U AA	2
09/25	Win	Kent Valley 14U Selects	6	vs.	Tacoma Rockets 14U T-2	1

So, You Don’t Like 8U/10U Cross Ice Hockey? Think Again and Meet Auston Matthews!

KVHA’s Executive Director, Les Grauer, forwarded this Globe and Mail story to me last week. Les thought it was worth sharing with KVHA Members. I read the story and came away a bigger fan of small area games (aka, cross ice games) and a huge fan of young Auston Matthews.

[Click here](#) for a link to the Globe and Mail story. I hope you enjoy it much as we did. And, don’t forget the name Auston Matthews. The young man is going to become a force in the NHL and the Toronto Maple Leafs may have a future after all.

Video Quantifies Cross-Ice Advantages

NHL analytics team uses tracking technology to compare cross-ice to full-ice for 8U players

A cutting-edge NHL analytics team put the test to youth hockey for the first time ever, comparing cross-ice hockey to full-ice hockey. Watch this video and see what you think.

[Click here](#) for the video.

Kent Valley 12U Selects Selling Tickets to November 26th T-Birds' Game

Kent Valley's 12U Selects are selling tickets to the November 26th T-Birds game vs. the Victoria Royals as a fundraiser. The tickets are \$26 each and can be purchased through Lisa Kirby, the team's manager. Lisa can be reached via e-mail at lmkirby@gmail.com.

The proceeds from the ticket sales will help the team fund tournament fees and other team expenses. This is a great way to help support one of our tournament teams. Go Selects!

KVHA Photo Night is Monday October 24th – Mark Your Calendars!

KVHA Photo Night is set for Monday October 24th. Order forms will be handed out by Team Managers over the next week or two. Members are encouraged to complete their pre order online, it is much faster. The pre order online information is located on the order forms and that link will be activated 2 weeks prior to photo night. Players need to have their order form packet, or copy of online purchase, in their hand when lined up for photos. Players do not need helmets or gloves for pictures. All coaches will need to be present for Photo Night as we will also be taking individual pictures of them.

Here's the schedule of team photos:

- 5:30pm PEEWEE TORNADOES / PEEWEE HURRICANES
- 5:45pm SQUIRT TORNADOES / SQUIRT HURRICANES
- 6:00pm MIDGET TORNADOES / MIDGET HURRICANES
- 6:15pm LEARN TO PLAY
- 6:30pm MITE TORNADOES
- 6:45pm ALL ASSOCIATION PHOTO
- 7:00pm BANTAM TORNADOES
- 7:30pm U12 SELECTS
- 7:45pm U14 SELECTS

Please note the following:

- All teams scheduled after 6:45 need to be here no later than 6:00 for the All Association Photo on the ice @ 6:45pm.
- Players must be in full hockey gear/game jersey's. No helmets or gloves are needed.
- Remember your order forms and payment, or online receipt.
- All Team Pictures & Individuals will be done on the ice.

Torklift Central - 6th Annual Kent Turkey Challenge

For the past 3 years KVHA has participated in the Kent Community Turkey Challenge Food drive. Monday we will place Turkey Challenge food bins in the front lobby of the facility and we are asking that all our families and friends help donate to this great cause helping local families that are in need of help. Ask friends, family & neighbors, everything helps!!!! Time to clean out those cupboards and bring your items to us! All canned and boxed foods are

accepted. If you would like to make a cash donation, please see our front office staff and put your name on a Turkey to place in the window showing your donation.

Last year we collected almost 1000 items and we took 2nd place for all Kent Businesses that participated. Please help KVHA beat this goal and take 1st place this year. Gobble, gobble...

USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) Certification Clinics Available in Washington State

Rob Kaufman, PNAHA's Coaching Director, is pleased to inform Kent Valley Coaches that CEP Clinics now available online in several cities throughout the State of Washington. Coaches are encouraged to check their requirements and make sure they register for the appropriate clinic as soon as they can. Below are all the clinics planned for this season, at this point. Oregon has several scheduled clinics also.

Register on line at USAHOCKEY.COM, under "Coaches" and "Coaching Clinics"

- Oct 1 & 2 Levels 1, 2 & 3 in Spokane
- Oct 8 - Levels 1 & 2 in Everett
- Oct 29th - Level 4 in SeaTac
- Nov 19th - Levels 1 & 2 in Wenatchee
- December 10 & 11 - Levels 1, 2 & 3 in Tacoma

The only LEVEL 3 clinic will be on the east side of the state in Spokane October 2nd, 2016. Coaches are reminded if they need Level 3 they will need to sign up for the one in Spokane, otherwise the next Level 3 class will be in Tacoma on Dec 11, 2016.

** There are no CEP Clinics in Tri-Cities this year. **

Coaches needing LEVEL 1 or LEVEL 2 must attend CEP clinics in Spokane or Wenatchee for the east side of the state or Everett or Tacoma for the west side of the state.

ALSO there is a LEVEL 4 in Seattle October 28-30, 2016 for those ready to take Level 4.

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