

Kent Valley Trophy Cases Loaded and Lit

Kent, WA 4 November, 2008 – Kent Valley Ice Centre's Doug Stewart made some final adjustments this week to the glass doors and locks on the two Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) trophy cases outside the entrance to the "On the Edge Café." The mirrored walls, shelves and glass doors have been cleaned and polished, trophies have been placed inside and the lights are on. It is a terrific display.

Thanks once again to all of the KVHA Members who contributed funds last year to acquire the two cases. Thanks also to the team of Seattle Thunderbird players who carried the two heavy beasts up the stairs from the lobby to their station outside the café. Thanks as well to Kent Valley Ice Centre staff (Rena, Doug and Les) for all their work in locating, acquiring, transporting and installing the trophy cases. Thank you all.

Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association - I was looking up some information on Rob Kaufman, Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association (PSAHA), last week when I discovered the link to PSAHA's web site from our KVHA web site was no longer working. I googled PSAHA and eventually found an up-to-date link. I was delighted to find a new upgraded PSAHA web site, with current information and even some PSAHA newsletters. Puget Sound has done a great job with their new web site and their newsletters. I congratulate PSAHA on the development of their exciting communication tools.

I encourage you to check out our neighbor's new web site and browse their newsletters titled "The Hat Trick." The link is: <http://www.psaha.org/default.html>

In fact, I'd like to borrow something from "The Hat Trick." In their introductory issue, September 2008 (Volume 1, Issue 1) you will find two items on page 1; "**What you need to Know**" and "**PSAHA Spotlight**." I'd like you to consider the same from our association's perspective. Check it out and let me know what you think.

Now, here's this week's edition of KVHA News. Enjoy!

Mite Tornadoes Blow Out Seattle Jr. Blades

Kent, WA 4 October, 2008 – Kent Valley's Mite Tornadoes were outshot by the Seattle Jr. Mite Blades Saturday 14 to 23. But it didn't matter. The Tornadoes' goalie Nicholas Gill turned away 22 of 23 shots for a very respectable save rate of 96%. The Tornadoes scored 50% of their shots on the Blades' net. Kenneth Gill earned a natural Hat Trick, scoring three goals in a row in the first period. Gill added a fourth goal early in the second period with assists from Shane Watanabe and Bryan Collier. Zach Johnston scored 2 minutes later on an assist from Danny Smith. JT Rimorin teamed up with Bryan Collier and Trevor McCorkle to score the Tornadoes' sixth goal in the opening seconds of the third period. The Tornadoes final score of the game came at 10:45 of the third period when Shane Watanabe scored from Landen Shaw. Final score: Kent Valley 7 – Seattle Jr. 1.

Bryan Collier, recently promoted from Kent Valley's "Learn to Play" program, proved he was well prepared to play at the Mite level. Collier earned two assists in his first game with the Tornadoes. Welcome to Kent Valley Mite Hockey Bryan...

Connor Wilson and Shane Watanabe each took a penalty during the match. Wilson was called for checking in the second period. Watanabe was assessed a tripping penalty in the third. The Blades were unable to capitalize on the two scoring opportunities.

A note about this match: CJ Stucky with the Seattle Jr. Blades is the son of James Stucky, Equipment Manager for the Everett Silvertips. The Tornadoes Bryan Collier is the son of Brent Collier, an Equipment Manager with the Seattle Thunderbirds. Tornadoes Coach Steve Mertel and James Stucky played hockey together on the Stingers in the GSHL Adult League. Interesting connections, eh?

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	4:45	Kenneth Gill unassisted
KVHA	1	5:15	Kenneth Gill unassisted
KVHA	1	12:00	Kenneth Gill unassisted (Hat Trick)
KVHA	2	3:50	Kenneth Gill from Shane Watanabe & Bryan Collier
KVHA	2	5:40	Zach Johnston from Danny Smith
Seattle Jr.	2	9:16	C Dubicki from R Davis
KVHA	3	:15	JT Rimorin from Bryan Collier & Trevor McCorkle
KVHA	3	10:45	Shane Watanabe from Landen Shaw

Squirt Tornadoes Fall to Seattle Jr. Blades

Lynnwood, WA 2 November, 2008 – The Seattle Jr. Blades doubled-up the Kent Valley Squirt Tornadoes Sunday at Lynnwood Ice Centre by a score of 8 to 4. Connor Pitlick scored two unassisted goals, one in the first and one in the second. Chase Dosa scored with an assist from Camden Ward. Sean Blair scored with an assist from Camden Ward. The Tornadoes took 22 shots on the Seattle Jr. Blades goal while the Blades made 26 shots on the Tornadoes net. The Tornadoes took the only two penalties of the match.

Kent Valley Squirt Selects Tie Everett Selects

Everett, WA 1 November, 2008 – Kent Valley's Squirt Selects travelled to Everett Saturday to play the Everett Squirt Selects at Comcast Community Ice Rink. The Kent Valley Selects outshot the Everett Selects 22 to 9 but failed to break a 2-2 tie.

Period one was a draw with no scoring by either team. Everett owned the second period getting two goals from Spencer Raub with an assist from Jake Frost on Raub's second goal.

Kent Valley took command in the third period as Niclas Van Halder scored early on assists from Nicholas Snyder and Tom Speer. Nicholas Snyder got the tying goal at the mid-point of the third period on assists from Tom Speer and Nicky Pokrzywinski.

Everett took three penalties during the match. Kent Valley was unable to take advantage of the power play opportunities.

The scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Everett	2	7:45	Spencer Raub unassisted
Everett	2	1:33	Spencer Raub from Jake Frost
Kent Valley	3	11:29	Nicklas Van Halder from Nicholas Snyder & Tom Speer
Kent Valley	3	8:05	Nicholas Snyder from Tom Speer & Nicky Pokrzywinski

Kent Valley's Cam Hansen stopped 7 of 9 shots on goal.

Everett's Ben Gardner stopped 20 of 22 shots on goal.

PeeWee Hurricanes Defeat Seattle Jr. Badgers 4-2

Story by Mark Mathews

Lynnwood, WA 2 November, 2008 – The Kent Valley Hurricanes blew into Lynnwood Sunday morning with victory on their minds. After letting a last second victory get away in Tacoma last week, the boys were determined to get a "W" this week. And get the "W" they did! Playing two players short this week meant extra hustle out of the 'Canes, and they were up to the task.

The 1st period started out with a lot of neutral zone hustle. The Badgers are a big team, and they checked and chipped away at our forwards. At 10:50, Matt Saunders got the break he needed to put one past Badger's goalie Jackson Bourne. There were no penalties in the 1st. Shots on goal were even at 3.

The 2nd period started out much like the first, with neutral zone play and trading of checks. At 14:55 into the 2nd, the Badgers were penalized for charging by #9 Quinton Wieber. The 'Canes power play went into motion, and at 13:30 Matt Saunders netted his second goal of the game. Daniel Gill was awarded the assist on Matt's goal. The Badgers had some good scoring chances, but the 'Cane D was strong and swarmed the Badgers when they tried to set up a play. Badger forward William Foster took a hard shot from left high slot, and it looked like a goal, but the resounding "clank" of the puck off the left goal post told the story, a bullet dodged by goalie Aaron Mathews. Shots on goal were even at 4.

The 3rd period was much faster paced as the Badgers tried furiously to score. They had several good opportunities, including a slow drifting puck across the blue line that Aaron Mathews barely beat a Badger forward to. During this period, the Badgers kept pressure on our defense, and goalie Mathews defended his net with vigor as scrum after scrum went on around it. The Hurricanes finally got the game back under control about 5 minutes into the period, and at 9:16, Matt "Young Gun" Saunders bagged his third goal for a HAT TRICK!!! He was assisted by #6 "Blazin" Mason Conner. The Badgers, not to go out empty handed, finally put one on the board at 5:42, an unassisted breakaway goal by #20 Lucas Indivero. Not to be outdone, Matt Saunders bagged his fourth goal at 4:25. The Badgers caught the 'Canes in the middle of a defensive line change and scored a 2-0 breakaway goal at 1:51 remaining in the game. Lucas Indivero was awarded his second goal and the assist went to James Horne. Shots on goal were 8 for the Badgers; 4 for Kent.

This was a game of firsts for some of our players. Goalie Aaron Mathews got his FIRST NPSHL victory in net. Matt Saunders garnered his first hat trick + 1 as a PeeWee. And it was the Hurricanes first victory for the season. Way to go boys, you played hard, left nothing on the table, and came out victorious. Job well done!!

PeeWee Tornadoes Fall to Everett Kodiaks

Kent, WA November 1, 2008 – The Everett Kodiaks and Grizzlies have been tough on the Kent Valley PeeWee teams in the early part of the 2008/2009 season. Saturday was another encounter with the bears for our Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes. The Kodiaks and Tornadoes played close during the first period Saturday. In the second period, the Kodiaks started clawing their way to victory. Final score: Kent Valley 0 – Everett 4.

The scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Everett	2	14:30	Chandler Ford from Westley Hartze & Stuart Terrell Jr.
Everett	2	13:55	Westley Hartze from Chandler Ford
Everett	2	2:39	Thomas Freeman from John Gutierrez & Westley Hartze
Everett	3	8:23	Stuart Terrell Jr. from Austin Ha

Everett Goalie Jason Hadaller stopped 11 of 11 shots for a Shutout.

Kent Goalie Benjamin Cary stopped 7 of 11 shots.

Each team had three penalties.

Kent Valley Rocks Nike/Bauer

Story by Glenn Kempf

Chicago, IL 2 November, 2008 – Kent Valley's PeeWee Rainiers were represented at the prestigious Nike/Bauer Invitational tournament in Chicago this past weekend by Kailer Yamamoto. Kailer was recruited by the LA Hockey Club to provide an offensive spark and

he didn't disappoint. Kailer dominated the 1998 division averaging three points per game which was the 2nd highest in the entire tournament for all age divisions and more than 350 teams. Kailer has certainly established himself as a top player in the world at his age division having put together a similar performance at this past summer's Brick Invitational tournament in Edmonton.

During the regular season, Kailer can be seen centering a line on Kent Valley's PeeWee Rainiers and regularly showing up on the power play and penalty killing units. Despite his age and size, Kailer has adapted to the body contact of the PeeWee division and is putting up impressive statistics. The Rainiers play a tournament and exhibition schedule against top US and Canadian PeeWee teams. Kailer frequently finds himself matched up against players two years older and twice his size. Kailer uses his size, quickness and creativity to frustrate bigger and stronger opponents and sets up his line mates with pin point passes and frustrates goalies with his dynamic shot arsenal.

Kent Valley's PeeWee Rainiers are a unique team in the Pacific Northwest focusing on player development and advancement onto to the national and international stage. In addition to impressive team results, this past year Rainer players have played with top US and Canadian teams in prominent tournaments throughout North America. Two current players are being heavily recruited for the prestigious 50th Quebec International PeeWee Tournament in February 2009. Rainiers Head Coach Adam Kurtenbach emphasizes the importance of competing against the best teams to benchmark team and individual development. The team aggressively manages expenses and is supported by generous sponsors to make the Rainiers the most affordable AAA hockey option in the region.

The Rainiers are headed to Los Angeles later this month to match up against California PeeWee Tier 1 teams including LA Jr. Kings and LA Selects. Kailer and the rest of the PeeWee Rainiers can be seen at the Kent Valley Ice Centre on December 6 at 4:00 PM and December 7 at 11:50 AM when they will host Chilliwack PeeWee A. Everyone is invited out to cheer on the home team.

The Rainiers will be conducting tryouts for Spring and 2009-10 teams early in 2009. If you are a 1996 or 1997 birth year player and are interested in competing with the best players in the Pacific Northwest and against the top US and Canadian teams, watch for further announcements on the Kent Valley web site and at www.seattlestarz.com.

Eagles Stick Their Talons into the Tornadoes

Story by Mary MacDonald

Kent, WA 2 November, 2008 – The Bantam Tornadoes hosted the Seattle Jr. Eagles on Sunday. The tornadoes first win would once again elude them. The Eagles scored within the first minute of the first, and it wouldn't get any better for the Tornadoes from then on. This was the first real physical game that the Tornadoes faced, and it seemed to throw them off their stride. This physical play would also put the Tornadoes into a penalty kill mode. Though they had opportunities the Eagles clearly had the upper hand throughout the game. The Tornadoes next game is Saturday the 8th in Everett against the Kodiaks.

The Kudos awards went to:

- Dish Award – Brady Anderson
- Santa Claus – Wyatt Duncan
- Best Defense – Neil Dhanda
- Hardest Worker – Brandon Foote

Bantam Tier-II Selects Tie One and Win One in League Play with Seattle Jr. Admirals

Mountlake Terrace, WA November 2, 2008 – The Kent Valley Bantam Selects have seen enough of the Seattle Jr. Admirals this season after playing them in four consecutive games.

The Selects tied the Admirals on Saturday and topped them by one goal on Sunday, both games at Olympic View Arena.

Game one was a very tight game with Kent Valley getting on the board early with an unassisted goal from Grant Wilson just 26 seconds into the game. Seattle Jr. tied it up nine minutes later. Seattle Jr. got the go-ahead goal at 12:14 of the second period. Kent Valley tied it up a minute and a half later on a goal from Mikey Julin with an assist from Brandon Endres. Seattle Jr. scored two minutes later to take a one goal lead for the second time in the game. Molly Doner scored the tying goal with 4:18 remaining in the second period. Doner was assisted by Noah Bloxton and Grant Wilson. Doner's goal was the final tally of the game as neither team was able to score in the third period.

Dimitri Nikitin played well in goal for the Kent Valley Selects. Dimi stopped 33 of 36 Seattle Jr. shots on goal, a 92% save rate. He stood up to heavy pressure from the Admirals in the third period and survived 3 power plays in the period going 15 for 15 to preserve the tie.

Sunday's game two was quite different from Saturday's contest. Kent Valley got the first tally of the game in the closing seconds of the first period as Noah Bloxton scored off a pass from Grant Wilson. Melanie Doner bumped the Kent Valley lead to two goals when she scored with assists from Johnny Scherer and Katie Scherer. Johnny Scherer pushed the Kent Valley lead to 3 goals in the closing seconds of the second period with assists from Kale Pokrzywinski and Noah Bloxton.

Kent Valley confidence was high going into the third period with a 3-goal lead. The Admirals frightened the Selects with their first goal at 3 minutes and 5 seconds into the period. Just 51 seconds later the Admirals took advantage of a Selects penalty and scored their second goal to cut the lead to one goal. Three minutes later the Admirals converted another power play opportunity into a goal to tie the game. Fear turned into action as the Selects applied pressure. The effort paid off as Tyler Jennings scored the winning goal with 2:51 remaining. Jennings was assisted by Kale Pokrzywinski and Noah Bloxton.

The Selects will move on next weekend to play SnoKing at home. A scoring summary is below:

Saturday's Game – Kent Valley 3 vs. Seattle Jr. 3			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	14:34	Grant Wilson unassisted
Seattle Jr.	1	5:38	B Cole from J Carey & K Maley
Seattle Jr.	2	12:14	P McDonald from B Cole
Kent Valley	2	10:47	Mikey Julin from Brandon Endres
Seattle Jr.	2	8:15	J Carey from P McDonald & K Maley
Kent Valley	2	4:18	Molly Doner from Noah Bloxton & Grant Wilson

Seattle Jr. goalie A Moore stopped 18 of 21 shots for 86%.

Kent Valley goalie Dimitri Nikitin stopped 33 of 36 shots for 92%.

Seattle Jr. was assessed 2 penalties and Kent Valley 7 penalties.

Sunday's Game – Kent Valley 4 vs. Seattle Jr. 3			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	:26	Noah Bloxton from Dane Dahline
Kent Valley	2	13:46	Melanie Doner from Johnny Scherer & Katie Scherer
Kent Valley	2	:36	Johnny Scherer from Kale Pokrzywinski & Noah Bloxton
Seattle Jr.	3	11:55	J Carey unassisted
Seattle Jr.	3	11:04	C Linder from K Maley (Power Play)
Seattle Jr.	3	7:53	T Mullholland from A Earle & C Linder (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	2:51	Tyler Jennings from Kale Pokrzywinski & Noah Bloxton

Seattle Jr. goalie P Park stopped 19 of 23 shots for 83%.
Kent Valley goalie Dimitri Nikitin stopped 17 of 20 shots for 85%.
Seattle Jr. was assessed 6 penalties and Kent Valley 7 penalties.

Midget Tornadoes Suffer First Loss of Season

Story by Sheri Walsh

Mountlake Terrace, WA, November 2, 2008 – Kent's Midget Tornadoes were finally beaten after facing the Seattle Junior Eagles Sunday at Olympic View Arena. The Tornadoes lost 3-0 and are now 4-and-1 in league play. With Justin Hill-Sellers out with an ankle injury, Kent got off to a slow start as the Eagles scored within the first minute of the game. Both teams spent a lot of time in the penalty box Sunday, but the Tornadoes couldn't capitalize on their power plays. By the end of the first period, Kent was losing 2-0. In the second, the Eagles took advantage of a power play and it was 3-0. The Tornadoes managed to hold the Eagles to just three, but couldn't get the offense going and had to settle for their first loss of the season.

Midget Tier-II Selects Swept on the Weekend....Not Without Impressive Effort

Story by Pete Brooks

Coeur d'Alene, ID 2 November, 2008 – In the opening game of the weekend on Saturday afternoon in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the Kent Valley Selects visited the Thunder having playing them twice the previous weekend at home in Kent. The third game this time was not as close as the previous two Thunder wins (5-2 & 3-0) as Coeur d'Alene won this time 8-2. The Selects were very shorthanded starting with only ten skaters and as the game slipped away period by period, the team became more and more frustrated penalty wise. Kent Valley would manage two goals however, Jeremy Abendhoff on a shot from the point in the 2nd period while Mikey Anderson would net another in the 3rd period. Both goals were assisted by Brandon Morris.

Against a tough Spokane U16 AA squad on Saturday night at Eagles Ice Arena, the Selects stepped up to a big challenge and gave Spokane everything they could handle. Kent Valley would lose by a 1-0 score but all things considered it was one of the best played games so far this season. Spokane had previously beaten the Selects in Boise a few weeks earlier in an 8-0 blowout. Goalie Evan Turpin and the rest of the team all played well defensively shutting down Spokane.

The same tough task arose again Sunday, but the score was not as close as the night before. Spokane held a 3-0 lead into the 3rd period when Selects' defenseman Steven Meginnes scored an unassisted goal to make it 3-1. Spokane would add an empty-netter to make it 4-1 for the win.

While the weekend started off ugly in Coeur d'Alene, it ended with two outstanding efforts against a very tough Spokane U16 AA team with very respectable scores. Kent Valley was shorthanded all weekend with 33% of their roster back home in Western Washington. From what the outcomes could have been, the boys all really stepped up and played their hearts out with nothing but solid heart felt effort. And the results of the games really proved that. Kudos to goalie Bryson Fink who even skated out to help the team with its short bench.

Clearly a great stride in the right direction was taken this weekend in Spokane as the Selects continue to look to turn their young season around.

Have a great week!

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