



## **Full-Contact Body-Checking Could be Elliminated at all Recreation Levels**

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. November 10, 2011** – USA Hockey has passed a proposal to ban full-contact body-checking at the PeeWee level and has implemented the program for the current season. According to USA Hockey, "An important objective of this proposal is to eliminate the "Big Hit" in PeeWees where players ignore the puck and try to 'blow up' an opponent." Though not allowed in games, coaches will be encouraged to introduce and teach full body checking techniques in practices during the two PeeWee years. USA Hockey believes this to be a better solution than what local associations have typically offered as a single session "introduction to checking" clinic. The USA Hockey recommendation is for local associations to provide players with two years to acquire the necessary checking skills in a safer environment.

That said; there is a movement growing momentum in Canada to eliminate full-contact body-checking at all recreation levels. Proponents believe that eliminating full-contact body-checking would be good for the sport at the recreation level. They believe it would help with player retention. Supporters of co-ed recreational hockey believe it would help keep girls in the co-ed recreational program longer. Opponents believe it would hurt an associations' ability to properly transition or promote players from recreation hockey to the higher representative levels of play.

There will no doubt be more discussion of this over the coming months. USA Hockey has been evaluating the pros and cons of full-contact body-checking for many years and it is believed that the move to eliminate body-checking at the PeeWee level is only the first move in their efforts to make youth hockey safer and more fun for the participants.

What do you think? Go to [www.KentValleyHockey.com](http://www.KentValleyHockey.com) and take our survey.

### **KVHA Weekend Scoreboard:**

11/05	Loss	KVHA Mite Tornadoes	0	vs.	SnoKing Mite White	7
11/05	Win	KVHA Squirt Tornadoes	9	vs.	SnoKing Squirt Grey	0
11/05	Win	KVHA Squirt Tier-II Selects	10	vs.	Tacoma Jr. Squirt Rockets	1
11/06	Win	KVHA Squirt Tier-II Selects	15	vs.	Tacoma Jr. Squirt Rockets	0
11/05	Loss	KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes	1	vs.	Seattle Jr. PeeWee Badgers	4
11/05	Win	KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes	9	vs.	Everett PeeWee Bruins	1
11/05	Win	KVHA Bantam Tornadoes	3	vs.	SnoKing Bantam Grey	1
11/05	Tie	KVHA Bantam Tier-II Selects	4	vs.	Wenatchee Bantam Jr. Wild	4
11/06	Win	KVHA Bantam Tier-II Selects	4	vs.	Wenatchee Bantam Jr. Wild	1
11/05	Win	KVHA Midget Tornadoes	5	vs.	Tacoma Jr. Midget Tomahawks	0
11/05	?	KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects	?	vs.	Team Seattle Tier-II	?

### **SnoKing White Too Much for Kent Valley's Mite Tornadoes**

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. November 5, 2011** – Kent Valley's Mite Tornadoes had their hands full Saturday as they faced off against a strong SnoKing White Mite team. After last week's introduction to USA Hockey's Cross-Ice ADM U-8 model (similar to "3 on 3" cross-ice games at KVIC), it was a challenge to transition back to positional play for the KVHA Tornadoes as they hosted the undefeated SnoKing Jr. T-Birds White team at Kent Valley Ice Centre on Saturday and were overpowered by a score of 7 to 0.

An inspired SnoKing White team got off to an early lead with 2 quick goals within seconds apart to take the lead against the Tornadoes in the first period. The strong dominance of SnoKing White did not deter the fighting spirit of the Mite Tornadoes as they fought to gain possession of the puck!

The struggle continued into the 2nd period as the Tornadoes had a tough time converting shots into goals. SnoKing scored 2 unanswered goals to continue their attack on the Tornadoes. Throughout the period, the Tornadoes showed improvement over the first period with stronger teamwork and better positioning.

Unfortunately, the 3rd period belonged to White. Their strong defensive skills combined with their intense offensive assault allowed them to score 3 more unanswered goals. White peppered goalie Ripken Renner(#4) with 14 shots while Renner's teammates managed only 5 shots on White's net. Renner made a strong effort to fend off 50% of the shots. Good job, Ripken!

In summary, strong goal tending on the part of SnoKing kept the Tornadoes from scoring. Although the Tornadoes had a difficult outing against SnoKing at Kent, they are developing well as a solid team. Each week, they continue to have a strong spirit and try their best, while developing great positioning and passing skills. Next Saturday, the Kent Valley Mite Tornadoes will travel to Renton to play the SnoKing Jr. T-Bird Grey at Castle Ice Arena. Go Tornadoes!

## ***Squirt Tornadoes Blow Out SnoKing Grey 9 to 0***

**Castle Ice Arena, Renton, WA. November 5, 2011** – Kent Valley's Squirt Tornadoes generated so much wind Saturday at Castle Ice that it kept SnoKing Grey from scoring any goals. The wind generated by the Mite Tornadoes was rated by the local weather service as being close to an F-4, strong enough that the SnoKing score keeper was unable to record much of anything on the official score sheet.

It was a game of firsts for some of the Tornadoes; Goalie Ben Fredell recorded his first shutout, Tyler Roberts scored his first ever goal, and Alex Bolshakov scored his first ever Hat Trick. Six Tornadoes scored their first assists of the season; Cameron Steinocher, Kyle Klem, Lucas Majors, Matthew Hodge, Toby Atkins and Nate Dunn.

Since the score sheet was nearly blank, few details other than the above were available. Therefore, we'll forego the formality of the usual scoring summary. Way to go Tornadoes!

## ***Kent Valley Squirt Selects Display Skill, Teamwork and Patience in Weekend Exhibition Wins***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. November 6, 2011** – Regarding our Squirt Tier-II Selects; you need to come out and watch these youngsters play. Their skating, passing and teamwork would be envied by coaches at the PeeWee and Bantam levels, but these boys are Squirts, aged 8, 9 and 10.

Come out and watch the Selects practice some time. You'll be impressed with that too. Last week the coaches ran the Selects through a drill where they practiced taking the puck away from an opponent along the boards. They practiced the process over and over and then applied what they learned in the games on Saturday and Sunday. It worked and it was very impressive. The team also practices a chase a run drill which encourages the players to get control of the puck and look for a pass to an open teammate in front of the net. Most of the players on the roster can execute that drill with precision. Case and point: The Selects scoring began Saturday when Trevor Mertel followed the puck into the corner in Tacoma's end. As he skated to the corner, Mertel spotted Andrew Alonzo skating to a spot beyond two defenders in front of the Tacoma net. Mertel fired the puck across the ice to the waiting Alonzo who tipped it in for the first of the Selects' 10 goals. Nine-year-old Trevor Mertel commented later; "*As I was skating after the puck in the corner I saw Andrew skating to the net. When I got the puck I just passed it to Andrew and he banged it in.*" The Selects went on to win Saturday's game 10 to 1 and Sunday's game 15 to 0.

Enough said, just come watch this amazing team. They are leading the Squirt Tier-II Division of PNAHA with 5 wins, 1 loss and no ties. The Selects' only PNAHA League loss is to the SnoKing Tier-II Blue back on October 22<sup>nd</sup> when Blue defeated the Selects 7 to 3 at Kent Valley Ice Center. Over 6 league games the Selects have scored 36 goals while their opponents have scored just 15 goals against them. Truly amazing...

Below are the scoring summaries for both games:

### KVHA Squirt Tier-II Selects (10) vs. Tacoma Jr. Tier-II Rockets (1)

Team	PER	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	10:03	Alonzo from Mertel
Kent Valley	1	14:53	Terry (1) from Barber
Kent Valley	2	0:19	Smith (1) from Barber
Kent Valley	2	6:10	Smith (2) (Unassisted and Shorthanded)
Kent Valley	2	7:10	Terry (2) (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	11:10	Terry (3-Hat Trick) from Doner
Kent Valley	3	2:49	Johnston (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	6:50	Mertel (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	7:46	Johnston from Sordahl
Kent Valley	3	11:53	Smith (3-Hat Trick)
Tacoma Jr.	3	13:45	Benham from Meekhof & Petersen

Kent Valley's Herzog stopped 8 of 9 shots on goal for 89%.

Tacoma Jr's Rassmusen stopped 18 of 28 shots on goal for 64%.

Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes.

Tacoma Jr. had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

### KVHA Squirt Tier-II Selects (15) vs. Tacoma Jr. Tier-II Rockets (0)

Team	PER	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	3:49	Smith (1) (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	5:07	Terry (1) from Johnston
Kent Valley	1	5:42	Smith (2) (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	10:41	Mertel (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	11:37	Doner from Smith
Kent Valley	2	2:57	Smith (3) from Sordahl
Kent Valley	2	3:26	Terry (2) (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	12:09	Seals (Unassisted & Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	1:55	Smith (4) from Doner (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	3:46	Mertel from Johnston
Kent Valley	3	4:19	Doner (Unassisted & Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	7:50	Barber (Unassisted & Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	8:57	Hanscom (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	9:52	Terry from Doner
Kent Valley	3	11:35	Barber from Smith

Kent Valley's Herzog stopped 6 of 6 shots on goal to earn the shutout.

Tacoma Jr's Rassmusen stopped 18 of 33 shots on goal for 55%

Kent Valley had 2 minor penalties for 4 minutes.

Tacoma Jr. had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes.

## ***PeeWee Hurricanes Mauled by Badgers 4 to 1***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. November 5, 2011** – A fierce clan of Seattle Jr. Badgers burrowed into Kent Valley Ice Center Saturday morning and quickly took command of their new ice-covered territory. The Hurricanes angered the Badgers early by scoring the first goal of the game just 35 seconds after the faceoff to begin the game. Qass Huffington scored the Hurricanes' first goal with assists from Ben McQuage and Jack Hanscom. The angry Badgers took it from there scoring 4 unanswered goals, 3 in the first period and 1 in the final period to claim a 4 to 1 win.

The Hurricanes' John Brockes had his hands full stopping 23 of 27 shots on goal while the Badgers' Gavin Gaule stopped 17 of 18 shots on goal. Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties to the Badgers' 5 minor penalties.

Below is the scoring summary:

<b>KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes (1) vs. Seattle Jr. PeeWee Badgers (4)</b>			
<b>Team</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Kent Valley	1	14:25	Qass Huffington from Ben McQuage & Jack Hanscom
Seattle Jr.	1	9:13	Anna Stensland (Unassisted)
Seattle Jr.	1	8:23	Cameron Haupt from Spencer Willard
Seattle Jr.	1	2:32	Evan Corson from Jay Harns
Seattle Jr.	3	9:54	Spencer Willard from Jay Harns

Kent Valley John Brockes stopped 23 of 27 shots on goal for 85%.

Seattle Jr's Gavin Gaule stopped 17 of 18 shots on goal for 94%.

Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes.

Seattle Jr. had 5 minor penalties for 12 minutes.

## ***PeeWee Tornadoes Mangle Everett Bruins 9 to 1***

**Comcast Community Ice Rink, Everett, WA. November 5, 2011** – Kent Valley's PeeWee Tornadoes showed no fear as they took on the Everett Bruins in their own den Saturday and came out with only one scratch, a second period goal by the Bruins' Nick Holton. Aside from that, it was the Tornadoes that did the mangling as they scored 9 goals to the Bruins single second period tally.

The Tornadoes' Alex Estrella came within 1 goal of earning a shutout. Way to go Alex! Unfortunately, a sloppy and incomplete score sheet didn't clearly indicate how many shots either goalie faced.

Andrew Barton, Nick Loe and Hunter Johnson each scored two goals in the contest. Sean Blair gets credit for the game-winning goal. Jason North scored the Tornadoes' 1<sup>st</sup> goal of the game and Seth Barnett scored the Tornadoes 4<sup>th</sup> goal. Assists were credited to Matthew Brandmire, Jason North, Enoch Levandovsky, Andrew Barton Hunter Johnson, Nick Loe and Sean Blair.

Below is the scoring summary:

<b>KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes (9) vs. Everett PeeWee Bruins (1)</b>			
<b>Team</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Kent Valley	1	13:24	Jason North (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	8:56	Sean Blair (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	5:34	Andrew Barton from Matthew Brandmire
Kent Valley	1	4:41	Seth Barnett from Jason North
Kent Valley	2	13:24	Nick Loe from Enoch Levandovsky & Andrew Barton

Kent Valley	2	12:40	Nick Loe from Hunter Johnson
Everett	2	11:55	Nick Holton (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	10:38	Hunter Johnson from Nick Loe
Kent Valley	3	8:26	Hunter Johnson from Sean Blair
Kent Valley	3	3:46	Andrew Barton (Unassisted)

Shots on goal were not reported correctly for either team; they may have been reversed and or not counted properly.

Penalties were not reported correctly for either team. Kent Valley may have had 8 to 10 minor penalties and Everett may have had 6 to 8 minor penalties. Penalties were not clear and officials made no effort to clarify the penalties.

## ***Kent Valley Bantam Tornadoes Top SnoKing Grey 3 to 1 in NPSHL League Play***

**Kingsgate Ice Arena, Kirkland, WA. November 5, 2011** – The Kent Valley Bantam Tornadoes played a sloppy and uninspired 1<sup>st</sup> period on Saturday as SnoKing Grey outshot Kent 5 to 1. The Tornadoes suffered a number of giveaways on the blue line but managed to come out of the 1<sup>st</sup> period unscathed.

The Tornadoes came alive in the second period but still got outshot by SnoKing Grey 8 to 6. The tempo of the game began to move in favor of Kent Valley as they were able to gain better control of the puck. A breakdown in the defensive zone led to a SnoKing power play goal late in the third period. SnoKing took a 1 to 0 lead into the third period.

Kent Valley came fully awake in the third period outshooting SnoKing 9 to 3 and scoring 3 unanswered goals, including a shorthanded goal. The Tornadoes' Tyler Perry scored with assists from Mikey Thomas and Colin Bartlett. Less than two minutes later Anthony Alonzo got an assist from Mikey Thomas for the Tornadoes go-ahead goal. Alonzo's shorthanded goal, his second shorthanded goal in as many games, turned out to be the game winning goal. Tyler Perry scored an insurance goal with 6:36 remaining to play. Perry was assisted by Alonzo and Jonathan Van Halder.

Coach Alonzo commented later; *"Tyler Perry had a heck of a game lighting the lamp twice including a nice slap shot from the blue line after a face off win in the offensive zone."*

The win moves the Tornadoes into third place in the Bantam Division of the NPSHL with a 3-2-0 record and 10 points. Next up for the Tornadoes is a home game against the Seattle Jr. Badgers next Saturday. The Badgers are currently in fourth place with 9 points. Go Tornadoes!

Below is the scoring summary:

<b>KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (3) vs. SnoKing Bantam Grey (1)</b>			
<b>Team</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
SnoKing	2	3:43	Roland Robledo from David Satagaj (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	11:25	Tyler Perry from Mikey Thomas & Colin Bartlett
Kent Valley	3	10:00	Anthony Alonzo from Mikey Thomas
Kent Valley	3	6:36	Tyler Perry from Anthony Alonzo & Jonathan Van Halder

Kent Valley's Cam Hansen stopped 20 of 21 shots on goal for 95%.

SnoKing's Jessie Elop stopped 14 of 17 shots on goal for 82%.

Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

SnoKing had 1 minor penalty for 2 minutes.

## ***Bantam Tier-II Selects Get a Tie and a Win at Wenatchee***

**Toyota Town Center, Wenatchee, WA. November 6, 2011** – Wenatchee's Bantam Tier-II Jr. Wild turned out to be a little stronger than expected Saturday as an early third period

scoring binge put the Jr. Wild ahead of Kent Valley's Selects 4 to 3. Christian Cinderella took advantage of a power play opportunity to score the tying goal with just 13 seconds remaining to play in the game. Cinderella was assisted by Jeremy Carlson. The Kent Valley Selects outshot the Wenatchee Jr. Wild 41 to 24. Wenatchee's Bronson Moore was tough to beat in goal stopping 37 of 41 shots for a 90% save rate.

The Wenatchee Jr. Wild cranked up the heat in Sunday's game outshooting the Selects 33 to 28. But the Jr. Wild couldn't beat Kent Valley's Austin Phelps as Phelps turned away 32 of 33 shots on goal for a 97% save percentage. Kent Valley's Elliot Plourde scored the first goal of the game, an unassisted goal, 5 minutes into the first period. Wenatchee tied the game 4 minutes later on a Denton Hymer power play goal assisted by Sean Mallonee. Christian Cinderella scored the game winning goal with 9:04 remaining in the second. Cinderella was assisted by Nick Pizzey & Eamann McMillion. Mason Stewart teamed up with Christian Cinderella at the end of the second period for Kent Valley's 3<sup>rd</sup> goal of the game. Nick Pizzey scored the Select's 4<sup>th</sup> goal in the opening minutes of the final period to solidify the Kent Valley 4 to 1 win.

Below are the scoring summaries for both games:

<b>KVHA Bantam Tier-II Selects (4) vs. Wenatchee Jr. Wild Tier-II (4)</b>			
<b>Team</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Kent Valley	1	12:23	Jeremy Carlson from Nick Pizzey
Kent Valley	2	14:50	Eamann McMillion from Jeremy Carlson
Wenatchee	2	10:58	Luke Browning from Sean Mallonee & Cameron Trader (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	2:25	Christian Cinderella (Power Play)
Wenatchee	3	13:18	Denton Hymer from Drew Whited
Wenatchee	3	11:27	Luke Browning from Cutter Wurl & Matt Dorsey
Wenatchee	3	6:01	Denton Hymer from Sean Mallonee (Shorthanded)
Kent Valley	3	0:13	Christian Cinderella from Jeremy Carlson (Power Play)

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 20 of 24 shots on goal for 83%.  
 Wenatchee's Bronson Moore stopped 37 of 41 shots on goal for 90%.  
 Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes.  
 Wenatchee had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

<b>KVHA Bantam Tier-II Selects (4) vs. Wenatchee Jr. Wild Tier-II (1)</b>			
<b>Team</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Kent Valley	1	10:03	Elliot Plourde (Unassisted)
Wenatchee	1	6:07	Denton Hymer from Sean Mallonee (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	9:04	Christian Cinderella from Nick Pizzey & Eamann McMillion
Kent Valley	2	0:26	Mason Stewart from Christian Cinderella
Kent Valley	3	11:02	Nick Pizzey (Unassisted)

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 32 of 33 shots on goal for 97%.  
 Wenatchee's Bronson Moore stopped 24 of 28 shots on goal for 86%.  
 Kent Valley had 9 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for 28 minutes.  
 Wenatchee had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

## ***Tacoma Jr. Tomahawks Shutout by an Inspired Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes 5 to 0***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. November 5, 2011** – Tacoma Jr's Midget Tomahawks must have come to Kent Valley Ice Centre Saturday morning thinking they had a good shot at dominating a short-rostered Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes. What they ran

into instead was nine motivated Midget Tornadoes that weren't about to be dominated by anyone.

Penalties marred first period play with the Tornadoes taking 3 minors and the Tomahawks taking 3 minors and 1 major misconduct penalty. The Tornadoes' Luke Blair took advantage of one of 3 power play opportunities at the end of the first period to score the Tornadoes' first goal. Blair was assisted by Erin Byrnes and Tanner Coughlin.

Miles Hansen scored the Tornadoes' second goal at the end of the second period. Hansen was assisted by Tanner Coughlin. The Tornadoes outshot the Tomahawks 10 to 5 in the second period.

Third period turned out to be the biggest period for the Tornadoes. The Tornadoes' offense generated 8 shots on goal and the defense held Tacoma Jr. to 1 shot on the Tornadoes' Joshua Severeid. Neil Dhanda scored early in the third period with assists from Luke Blair and Tanner Coughlin. Coughlin scored an unassisted goal midway through the period and Luke Blair wrapped up the Tornadoes scoring with a goal assisted by JD Dunn and Zach Bloss. The Tornadoes outshot the Tomahawks 8 to 1 in the third period.

The Tornadoes remain atop the Midget Division standings in the NPSHL with a 4-0-1 record. Next up for the Tornadoes is a Sunday game at Olympic View Arena against the 4<sup>th</sup> place Seattle Jr. Blades.

Below is the scoring summary:

KVHA Midget Tornadoes (5) vs. Tacoma Jr. Tomahawks (0)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	0:08	Luke Blair from Erin Byrnes & Tanner Coughlin (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	0:51	Miles Hansen from Tanner Coughlin
Kent Valley	3	12:06	Neil Dhanda from Luke Blair & Tanner Coughlin
Kent Valley	3	6:36	Tanner Coughlin (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	3:04	Luke Blair from JD Dunn & Zach Bloss

Kent valley's Joshua Severeid stopped 9 of 9 shots on goal to earn the shutout.

Tacoma Jr's Josh Gibson stopped 19 of 24 shots on goal for 79%.

Kent Valley had 4 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for 18 minutes.

Tacoma Jr. had 5 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for 21 minutes.

## ***No Score Sheet for Midget Tier-II Selects – Was it a Win, Loss or Tie? Who Knows?***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. November 5, 2011** – Kent Valley's Midget Tier-II Selects played Team Seattle at Kent Valley Ice Centre Saturday but the score sheet never made it up the 24 steps and 46 paces to the score sheet in-box upstairs. Go figure!

## ***Quote of the Day!***

Asked what the key to making an effective open-ice body check is, Dion Phaneuf, Captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, broke it down to one key element:

*"Timing! It's all about timing. You have to know when it's not there. When it isn't, you have to back off. You can't commit yourself.*

*"A clean, crushing check to an opponent can change the momentum of a game."*

*"I've been doing it for a while now and I can tell you this – a big hit feels great! It can really lift a team. It's like scoring a big goal. The most important thing is to never target a guy's head."*

**Dion Phaneuf, Captain, Toronto Maple Leafs, 1<sup>st</sup> Round (9<sup>th</sup> Overall) NHL Entry Draft 2003 by Calgary Flames – Played for the Red Deer Rebels in the WHL**

## ***One Final Thought About Full-Contact Body-Checking***

I like the body checking part of hockey and, like Dion Phaneuf is quoted as saying above, "A clean, crushing check to an opponent can change the momentum of a game." Following is my case and point: I was working as an Off-Ice Official in Canada Hockey Place in Vancouver on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, when the Russians played the Czech Republic during the 2010 Winter Olympics. Early in the third period with Russia leading 2 to 1 Jaromir Jagr skated across center ice with the puck when Alex Ovechkin lined him up and ran his shoulder into Jagr's jaw, knocking Jagr to the ice, starting an odd-man rush for the Russians. Seconds later Evgeni Malkin scored his second goal of the day and the Russians suddenly had a commanding lead. Ovechkin's check changed the momentum of that game.

Some questioned whether Ovechkin's hit was legal, but Jagr never complained. Some called it the changing of the guard from Jagr (38), the old man, to Ovechkin (24), the youngster. Evgeni Malkin said; "It was a great moment [for] the Olympic Games." I too believe it was historic hit, one that will be remembered for a long time.

There is a great photo of that hit taken by a Reuters photographer. The photo shows Jagr sprawled on the ice with his head up looking up at Ovechkin skating away. The look on Jagr's face is telling. He looks stunned. He looks 90 years old. Brian Costello of the New York Post said; "Seeing Jagr, 38, and Ovechkin, 24, on the ice together was a treat for hockey fans. Seeing Ovechkin wipe out Jagr was a bonus."

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