

Kent Valley Rainiers Will Host CAN/AM PeeWee Challenge

Kent, WA 2 December, 2009 - Four of the top ranked PeeWee teams (ages 12 and under) in the Pacific region will converge on Kent Valley Ice Centre for the first ever CAN/AM PeeWee Challenge on December 11-13. Joining the Kent Valley Rainiers in representing the United States will be the LA Selects from Los Angeles, California. Canada will be represented by the Semiahmoo Ravens and Cloverdale Colts. These four Tier-1 teams will be playing for national pride in this unique event that will pit Canada's best vs. America's best. The puck drops at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 12 with the Rainiers playing the Cloverdale Colts. Following this contest, the LA Selects will take on the Semiahmoo Ravens. After the games, players and parents from all four teams will be treated to dinner catered by Kent Valley's own On the Edge Café. Sunday morning will begin bright and early at 6:50 AM with the Colts and Selects taking the ice, followed by the Rainiers and Ravens. The intensity will be ratcheted up in the afternoon as the top American team will match up against the top Canadian team.

The Kent Valley Rainiers have spent the last three years developing a program capable of competing with the top US and Canadian teams. The CAN/AM PeeWee Challenge is the culmination of years of hard work by the team to establish their credibility and host an event of this magnitude. This is the second season the Rainiers have attracted a top Los Angeles team to the Pacific Northwest during the regular season. Last season the LA Jr. Kings traveled to play the Rainiers in a series of exhibition games. This year the LA Selects accepted the invitation and will be arriving on Friday, December 11 and participating in a pair of exhibition contests on Friday night and Saturday morning against the Rainiers prior to the CAN/AM Challenge. Hockey fans interested in seeing the matchup between these Pacific District rivals can catch all the action in a prime time showcase on Friday beginning at 7:20 PM. For those early risers, head out to Kent Valley Ice Centre on Saturday morning for the rematch when the action starts at 6:20 AM.

Special appreciation goes out to Les Grauer, Kent Valley Ice Centre's Director of Operations, for rearranging the Kent Valley Ice Centre schedule to accommodate this unique event and to Doug Stewart, Facility Manager, for coordinating the team dinner that will serve 200 people on Saturday night. Semiahmoo and Cloverdale are traveling with over a hundred fans to root on their teams and country. This is a great opportunity to see the finest PeeWee hockey played on the West Coast. All hockey fans are encouraged to attend the CAN/AM PeeWee Challenge and cheer the Stars and Stripes onto victory. Admission to the games at Kent Valley Ice Centre is free. Here's the rundown of the complete weekend schedule:

Friday, December 11

7:20 PM LA Selects vs. Kent Valley Rainiers

Saturday, December 12

6:20 AM LA Selects vs. Kent Valley Rainiers

4:00 PM Cloverdale Colts vs. Kent Valley Rainiers

5:40 PM Semiahmoo Ravens vs. LA Selects

Sunday, December 13

6:50 AM LA Selects vs. Cloverdale Colts

8:30 AM Kent Valley Rainiers vs. Semiahmoo Ravens

11:50 AM CAD 2 vs. USA 2

1:30 PM CAD 1 vs. USA 1

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