

Eloise at the Kent Valley Ice Centre

Kent, WA 15 December, 2008 – As a youngster in the 50's I was fascinated by author Kay Thompson's stories about "*Eloise at the Plaza Hotel*" in New York. You may recall that young Eloise lived in and grew up in New York's Plaza Hotel where her father was the hotel's manager. While Kent Valley Ice Centre doesn't have a lot in common with the historic and grand Plaza Hotel in New York, it does have its own version of Eloise and there are numerous parallels between the Plaza's Eloise and Kent Valley Ice Centre's version of the same. Kent Valley Ice Centre's Eloise is 12 year-old Rachael Rutherford.

Rachael's mother, Dawn Rutherford, works at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Rachael doesn't actually live at the rink as Eloise did at the Plaza, but she does spend considerable time there, far more than most of the rink's guests. There is a small desk in her mom's office where Rachael often does her homework. There is a small TV in the office where Rachael can relax and watch a video. Like Eloise at the Plaza, Rachael has many opportunities to explore the rink, interface with rink staff and enjoy the activities at the facility.

Watching Rachael grow up at the rink I often wondered how long it would be until she got hooked by hockey, the ice rink's major activity. Sure, she skated during public skating sessions and seemed to enjoy ice skating. But, play hockey? Rachael's mom objected to the idea of her playing hockey. "*It's too rough!*" She would often say. Even Rachael when asked if she would ever be playing hockey responded with a doubtful; "*I don't know about that.*"

Rachael began to hang out with her friend Lydia Grauer, a veteran hockey player and daughter of another rink staffer, Les Grauer. Soon, Rachael was wearing hockey skates instead of figure skates and there was talk of summer power skating and even a hockey school. Then, last spring, Rachael was trying on hockey gear and it appeared that it was actually happening; Rachael was becoming a hockey player.

Rachael is playing hockey this season with the Kent Valley PeeWee Tornados. It has been a rough journey for her. As a beginning hockey player, she's fought the learning curve and had her share of bumps and bruises. Rachael was checked so hard in one of her games that her mom demanded corporal punishment for the 11-year-old kid that did the checking. Rachael survived that hit and many others. It seems that the sweet and mild-mannered Rachael is adapting well to the rougher side hockey. Her journey into hockey has been an interesting one to watch. Her skating and understanding of the game have improved with each practice and game. She's recently been throwing checks of her own and is getting a shot on goal now and then. Last weekend, she came within inches of scoring her first goal.

Well, I'm happy to report that Kent Valley Ice Centre's version of Eloise is now the complete hockey player. In a game played Saturday at Kent Valley Ice Centre against the SnoKing PeeWee Blue team, Rachael scored her first ever goal. Later that day, I asked Rachael how she had reacted to the scoring of the goal. "*Did you casually skate away after scoring the goal so people would think that you had done it before; like it was just another goal?*" I asked her. "*No way,*" she said. "*I was amazed; I just screamed and jumped up and down. It was so exciting.*" Her response contained the same youthful exuberance, excitement and joy, as if she were Eloise describing an incident at the Plaza Hotel.

Welcome to hockey Eloise! Uh, I mean Rachael! May your journey continue to be as exciting for you to travel as it has been for me to watch. Congratulations on that goal!

Now, here's this week's KVHA News:

Mite Lightning Face SnoKing Mite Major Grey

Renton, WA 13 December, 2008 – The Kent Valley Mite Lightning traveled to Castle Ice Arena in Renton to take on the SnoKing Mite Major Grey on Saturday. The Lightning were able to hold the powerful Mite Major Grey team to 4 goals. It was a terrific effort by the

Lightning considering they were out-shot 17 to 3. Alex Bucci stood up well to the pressure from SnoKing Grey stopping 13 of 17 shots on goal. Good job team!

Mite Tornadoes Stun Undefeated SnoKing Mite Blue 7 to 6 in NPSHL League Play

Kent, WA 12 December, 2008 – Kent Valley’s Dan McNabb had his hands full as scorekeeper last Saturday. By my calculations, a goal was scored an average of every three and one-half minutes during the game. That’s hardly time to write down one goal before the next one needs to be recorded. But, more incredibly, Dan did all this with a pen in one hand and a microphone in the other hand. He scored the game and announced it. Dan should get my vote for “Star of the Game.” Well done Dan!

On the ice, it was a similar story for the two goalies as they were pretty busy. The way I figure it, they each faced at least one shot every minute. Subtract stoppages for icing, off sides and scores, it was probably more frantic than that. However, the real story of the game centers around Hat Tricks, three of them. Kent Valley’s JT Rimorin scored the Tornadoes first goal and their last two for a Hat Trick. JT’s teammate, Kenneth Gill, scored two goals in the first period and one in the second period for a Hat Trick. Zach Johnston scored a goal in the first period to bring the Tornadoes goal count to seven. Rimorin’s Hat Trick goal was also the winning goal for the Tornadoes. SnoKing also tallied a Hat Trick as Nicklas Oda scored a goal in each period and added a fourth in the third period. Jacob Stevenson fell one goal short of a Hat Trick as scoring two goals for Blue, but not quite enough to catch the Tornadoes.

The Kent Valley Tornadoes rounded out the weekend with a game at Puget Sound Hockey Center. They also won that game. Congratulations team for a great weekend.

Below is the scoring summary for Saturday’s game:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
SnoKing	1	0:56	Nicklas Oda from Jacob Stevenson
Kent Valley	1	1:45	JT Rimorin (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	4:55	Zach Johnston from Danny Smith
Kent Valley	1	7:04	Ken Gill from Oliver Carlson
SnoKing	1	10:40	Nicklas Oda from Liam Kilton
Kent Valley	1	13:48	Ken Gill (Unassisted)
SnoKing	2	2:32	Nicklas Oda (Hat Trick – Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	4:45	Ken Gill (Hat Trick – Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	8:45	JT Rimorin (Unassisted - Power Play)
SnoKing	2	13:30	Jacob Stevenson (Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	5:54	Jacob Stevenson (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	6:32	JT Rimorin (Hat Trick – Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	7:23	Nicklas Oda (Unassisted)

Kent Valley’s Nick Gill stopped 16 of 22 shots on goal for 73%.

SnoKing’s Alonzo Zouburn stopped 14 of 21 shots on goal for 67%.

SnoKing had the only penalty in the game.

Squirt Tornadoes 1 vs. SnoKing Jr. T-Birds White 5

Kent, WA 13 December, 2008 – The Kent Valley Squirt Tornadoes fell to the SnoKing Jr Thunderbird White 5 to 1 over the weekend. The first period was scoreless as the two teams sized each other up. SnoKing had four shots during that period while the Tornadoes had eight shots, all turned away by the goalies. SnoKing began the scoring at 2:07 into the second period on an unassisted goal and followed that with another at 4:52 of the second. Early in the third period the Tornadoes cut SnoKing’s lead to just one goal when Conner

Pitlick scored unassisted at 4:06 of the third. That goal turned out to be the Tornadoes' only goal of the day as SnoKing added three more goals in the third period for a final score of 5 to 1.

The score sheet is still missing for the Tornadoes' game on the weekend of December 6th & 7th. So, the details and the outcome are unknown. However, it is worth noting that Briana Baker scored a goal in that game, her first of the season. Briana has been working very hard on wing all season and everyone was delighted to see her hard work pay off with a goal. Congratulations Bri! Way to hustle!

Below is the scoring summary for the December 13th game:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
SnoKing	2	12:43	Ryan Donlan – unassisted
SnoKing	2	10:08	Wesley Branco, assisted by Henry Dimlow
Kent Valley	3	10:54	Conner Pitlick – unassisted
SnoKing	3	7:15	#12, assisted by Ryan Donlan
SnoKing	3	4:46	Corbin Shannon-Garvey, assisted by # 12
SnoKing	3	2:21	Wesley Branco – unassisted

Kent Valley's Wyatt King stopped 9 of 14 shots on goal for 64%.

SnoKing's Sam Sellami stopped 16 of 17 shots on goal for 94%.

Kent Valley had the only penalty, Schaper for Slashing in the second period.

Squirt Selects Never, Ever, Give Up!

Kent, WA 13 December, 2008 – The Kent Valley Squirt Tier-II Selects hosted the Spokane Chiefs Squirt Majors over the weekend and in terms of losing a couple of hockey games, it was about as bad as one can imagine. The Selects lost on Saturday by a score of 14 to 0 and lost again on Sunday 11 to 0. Ouch!

The Selects knew going into the game that they were facing a tough Spokane Squirt Major team. But, the Selects put on their game faces and took to the ice with a positive attitude and they never, ever gave up. The team played every minute of both games as if they were down just one goal. Kent Valley's Cam Hansen played a heroic two games in goal for the Selects. Hansen faced an incredible 104 shots over the two games. Conner Pitlick was called up from the Squirt Tornadoes to play for the Selects. Pitlick fit right in with the Selects and played well.

The Spokane Chiefs Major brought their "A" game to Kent Valley Ice Centre. Every player on their roster had a goal or an assist over the two game series. Nine of their twelve players scored goals in the two games and every player had at least one assist over the two games.

Papa Lew's message to the Selects: Hold your head high boys, you played hard and you never gave up.

PeeWee Tornadoes Sneak by SnoKing Dragons

Kent, WA 13 December, 2008 – Last week I reported that the Tornadoes were leading the NPSHL League. Well, I totally blew it! I looked at the Seattle Jr. web site, clicked on the NPSHL Division Standings and used the information I found there, not realizing it was for the 2007/2008 season. Please accept my apologies for the error. For the record, current NPSHL Division Standing can be found at the following URL: <http://npschl.com/default.aspx>

The Tornadoes improved their win/loss record this past Saturday by getting a win over the SnoKing Emerald Dragons. Rachael Rutherford got the Tornadoes off to a great start with a goal at 9:49 of the first period, the first goal of her hockey career. Rutherford's goal was assisted by Luke Blair. Zakary Gustafson scored five minutes later, assisted by Jake Best. SnoKing scored in the second period, the only goal of that period, to cut the Tornadoes' lead

to one goal. The two teams matched each other for two goals each in the third period. Nicholas Pizzey scored the Tornadoes third goal, unassisted. Nick Calfy scored the game winning goal near the end of the third period. Calfy was assisted by AJ Alonzo.

The scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	9:49	Rachael Rutherford from Luke Blair
Kent Valley	1	14:10	Zakary Gustafson from Jake Best
SnoKing	2	0:42	Michael Giannopoulos (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	0:25	Nick Pizzey (Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	6:30	Trenton Kain (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	12:39	Nick Calfy from AJ Alonzo
SnoKing	3	20:33	Trenton Kain from Michael Giannopoulos

PeeWee Tier-II Selects Take Two Games Back From Tri Cities for Lock on PNAHA League Title

Kent, WA 14 December, 2008 – After losing two games December 6th & 7th to Tri Cities in Kennewick, by one goal in each game I might add, the PeeWee Tier-II Selects were anxious to get those two games back and wrap up the PNAHA League Title. They did just that this weekend by defeating the Tri Cities Jr. Americans 4 to 1 on Saturday and 3 to 1 on Sunday.

The Selects were able to shut down the Tri Cities scoring threat of Anderson, Hollandsworth and Vickerman. The trio figured in half of the Tri Cities scoring over the two prior games with Vickerman getting two goals in one game and a Hat Trick in the other. This weekend was a different story for the Jr. Americans as the Selects held Vickerman scoreless and pointless over the two games, and limited Hollandsworth to just one goal on Saturday and Anderson to a single assist on Sunday. The Selects obviously did their homework and it paid off as they wrapped up the PNAHA PeeWee Tier-II "A" Division title leaving Seattle Jr. and SnoKing to battle over third and fourth place. Way to go Selects!

Scoring summaries are below:

Game 1: Kent Valley Selects (4) vs. Tri Cities Jr. Americans (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Tri Cities	1	13:29	Dylan Hollandsworth from Christopher Helms & Tony Torres
Kent Valley	1	14:18	Jordan Tindall from Zach Houck & Max Doner
Kent Valley	2	8:44	Danny Thomas from Jesse Howland & Anton Nikitin
Kent Valley	2	13:55	Anton Nikitin from Lydia Grauer & Max Doner (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	11:37	Jason Smith from Jack Speers

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 16 of 17 shots on goal for 94%.

Tri Cities' Austin McCain stopped 36 of 40 shots on goal for 90%.

Each team had 5 penalties for 10 minutes each.

Game 2: Kent Valley Selects (3) vs. Tri Cities Jr. Americans (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	6:58	
Kent Valley	2	7:58	
Tri Cities	2	9:56	
Kent Valley	3	6:34	

Kent Valley's Colby Bennett stopped 7 of 8 shots on goal for 88%.

Tri Cities' Austin McCain stopped 24 of 27 shots on goal for 89%.

Kent Valley had 5 penalties for 18 minutes, Tri Cities had 4 penalties for 8 minutes.

Hat Trick Wins It for Midget Tornadoes

Story by Sheri Walsh

Kent, WA -- December 14, 2008 -- The Midget Tornadoes added another win to their league record Sunday in Kent as Zac Cadiente's Natural Hat Trick made up all of the scoring against the Seattle Junior Badgers. Kent was first on the board as Tommy Peebles and Tanner Coughlin set-up Zac Cadiente's first goal early in the first period. Six minutes later, the Tornadoes were on top 2-0 as Zac Cadiente took a great shot from the slot for his second goal. But, the Badgers scored one of their own just before the first buzzer. Then early in the second, Seattle Junior was able to tie things up due to a poor Tornadoes line change that left no players on the ice. The score remained a nail-biting 2-2 for most of the second period until Zac Cadiente grabbed his Hat Trick and scored the game winning goal just before the second buzzer. The two teams battled it out during the third, but the period was scoreless as the Tornadoes defended their lead. The Tornadoes win 3-2 and boost their league record to 9 and 1. Great job!

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	13:00	Zac Cadiente from Tommy Peebles & Tanner Coughlin
KVHA	1	7:30	Zac Cadiente from Tommy Peebles
SJHA	1	2:18	Ellsworth, unassisted
SJHA	2	13:49	Dehamo from Henderson
KVHA	2	3:00	Zac Cadiente, unassisted

Kent Valley U-18 "AAA" Selects Fall to Top Ranked Langley "AAA" Eagles 3 to 4

Langley, B.C. 13 December, 2008 – Kent Valley's U-18 Selects made a quick trip to Twin Rinks in Langley, B.C. Saturday to play the Langley "AAA" Eagles. The Eagles are ranked #1 in the lower mainland of British Columbia with a record of 29 wins and two losses.

The Eagles scored the first two goals of the game before the Selects made it onto the scoreboard early in the third period. Ryan Doner scored off a pass from Anthony Petruzzelli at 16:34 of the third to cut the Eagles' lead to one goal. The Eagles bumped the lead back to two goals at 13:59 on a Robbie Gerge goal. Three minutes later Tyler Sybil set up Ryan Doner for the Selects' and Doner's second goal of the game. The two teams played a defensive game for several minutes until the Selects Jordan Robertson was called for a Delay of Game penalty at 5:32. Just over a minute later the official tagged Anthony Petruzzelli for tripping. The Selects' strong penalty killing line fell to the pressure of 5 on 3 as the Eagles' Kent Christensen scored the winning goal at 3:19 putting the Eagles' up by two goals with three minutes remaining. The Selects spent the next minute killing the remaining penalty and getting only a few offensive opportunities. With the two teams back to full strength, the Selects' turned up the pressure. Eliot Grauer scored with 29 seconds remaining to put his team within a goal of the Eagles. But, it was too little too late and the Eagles hung onto the lead to get the win.

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Langley	1	8:00	Jeremy Wood (Unassisted)
Langley	2	6:29	Russel Parenteau from Josh Green
Kent Valley	3	16:34	Ryan Doner from Anthony Petruzzelli
Langley	3	13:59	Robbie Gerge from Zach Washington
Kent Valley	3	10:40	Ryan Doner from Tyler Sybil
Langley	3	3:19	Kent Christensen from Tyler Ocylegori & Cody Rowand (Power Play)

Kent Valley 3 0:29 Eliot Grauer from Corey James
Kent Valley's Ryan Corriveau stopped 34 of 38 shots on goal for 89%.
Langley's Curtis Page stopped 25 of 28 shots on goal for 89%.
Kent Valley had 5 penalties for 10 minutes while Langley had 4 penalties for 8 minutes.

Have a great week!

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