

Christmas Greetings to Everyone from KVIC and KVHA

Kent, WA – KVHA News for 21 November, 2009 – The period between Christmas and New Years tends to mark the half-way point in our hockey season every year. The season started in late September or early October and will be finished by the end of March. So, this week is just about the middle of the season and it's all down hill from here. Where does the time go? The first half has been fun and we wish the same for last half. We at Kent Valley Ice Centre and Kent Valley Hockey Association wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Holly Glaeser's First Career Goal Delights Us All

A hockey player's first hockey goal can be a long time in the making for the majority of hockey players. For others, it can happen early in their playing career, as in Trevor Mertel's case last season, scoring the first goal of his young career in his very first Mite game. I'm certain Trevor's goal surprised and delighted me more than it did Trevor, and I'm also sure he doesn't even remember it today; he's scored several more since that first one.

It's a much different story for Kent Valley's Holly Glaeser with the Midget Tornados. Unlike Trevor Mertel who entered Learn-to-Play at age 4 and began playing at age 5, Holly began her hockey career at the age of 15, participating in Kent Valley's Learn-to-Play Hockey and summer skills programs with a friend. Holly and her friend joined the Kent Valley Bantam Tornados last season as overage Bantams. The two girls played together for a portion of the season until her friend's family moved out of the area. Holly, however, was enjoying the game and continued playing hockey with the Bantam Tornados.

Holly could have played as an overage Bantam again this year but opted instead to play at her age level and moved up to the Midget Tornados as a 16 year old. As you probably know, Midget level hockey is a faster and harder hitting game than Bantam. Yet, Holly held her own and handled the increased intensity well. She even got more playing time than she expected, but that first career goal eluded her.

Saturday, in her team's third game of the Desert Classic Tournament in Tri-Cities, Holly got the long anticipated opportunity to score a goal. With 1:24 remaining to play in the first period, teammate Kyle Miller-Smith handed Holly an early Christmas present in the form of a nifty little pass that Holly hammered home for that all important first ever goal of her career. Holly's teammates on the ice exploded with excitement as the puck hit the back of the net; they mobbed her with hugs of enthusiasm. The team's bench erupted with shouts and stick slapping. It was obvious to everyone in the building that this was not just another Tornados goal; it was much more than that. A parent of one of the Tornados' players commented later that it was one of the more emotional moments in hockey that she could recall. *"I had tears in my eyes,"* she said. One of the players recovered the puck and presented it to Holly.

More celebration was yet to come for Holly. Her team won that third game by defeating the Oregon High School team 9 to 0. Following the game, the two teams lined up on their respective blue lines for the awarding of "Player of the Game." You guessed it; the Oregon High School team selected Kent Valley's #16, Holly Glaeser! They too recognized that Holly's goal was not just another goal, that it was much more memorable than that and was deserving of additional recognition.

Holly's "Player of the Game" award should help etch that first ever goal in her memory forever. Congratulations Holly!

Below are the scores from most of Kent Valley's games over the past weekend:

Win	Kent Valley Mite Tornados	7	vs.	Seattle Jr. Mite Eagles	5
Win	Kent Valley Squirt Tornados	4	vs.	Everett Grizzlies	0
Loss	Kent Valley Squirt Tier-II Selects	1	vs.	Spokane Jr. Chiefs Major	8

Win	Kent Valley Squirt Tier-II Selects	6	vs.	Spokane Jr. Chiefs Minor	1
Win	Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes	8	vs.	SnoKing PeeWee Green	1
Tie	Kent Valley PeeWee Hurricanes	0	vs.	SnoKing PeeWee Grey	0
Win	Kent Valley Bantam Tornadoes	3	vs.	Everett Kodiaks	2
Win	Kent Valley Bantam Selects Tier-II	3	vs.	Puget Sound Tomahawks	1
Win	Kent Valley Bantam Selects Tier-II	2	vs.	Puget Sound Tomahawks	1
Loss	Kent Valley Bantam Elite Tier-I	3	vs.	Kelowna Rockets B-2	4
Win	Kent Valley Bantam Elite Tier-I	6	vs.	Pursuit of Excellence	3
Loss	Kent Valley Bantam Elite Tier-I	1	vs.	Rossland-Trail Bantam Rep	8
Loss	Kent Valley Bantam Elite Tier-I	0	vs.	Westside Warriors	5
Win	Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes	8	vs.	Tri-City Midget #1	0
Loss	Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes	2	vs.	Tri-City Midget #3	5
Win	Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes	9	vs.	Oregon High School	0
Tie	Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes	4	vs.	Spokane Midget Stars	4

KVHA Mite Tornadoes Clip the SJHA Eagles 7-5

Story contributed by JR Jenkins

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 12 December, 2009 – The Kent Valley Mite Tornadoes started the second half of the NPSHL regular season with a hard earned, well played 7-5 victory over the Seattle Junior Eagles at the Kent Valley Ice Centre. The Tornadoes got better as the game went along, improving their play in each period – both on offense and defense – and stopped a hard skating, hard shooting Eagle Team.

Danny Smith led all scorers with a hat trick, while Jake Sordahl, Kemper Terry, Andrew Alonzo, and Zach Johnston each scored one for the Tornadoes. The Tornadoes outshot the Eagles 24-12.

The first period saw another quick opening strike from Danny Smith, beating the keeper just 0:21 seconds into the game to put the Tornadoes up 1-0. However, the game quickly turned to back and forth play with both teams generating some good scoring chances. The goaltenders held their ground until the 10:00 minute mark when 4 more goals were scored – three for the Eagles and one for the Tornadoes to finish the period with the Eagles up, 3-2.

Eagle forwards Ryan Day and Brendan Lee proved to be good skaters and Lee demonstrated an excellent shot in the first period - beating Brett Jenkins low on the glove side despite Brett's good positioning in the center of the crease.

The second period saw another five goals scored – but this time, in favor of the Tornadoes. Sordahl, Alonzo and Johnston – all regular scorers for the Tornadoes this year – worked hard for all of their goals, as the Eagle defense gave away very little open ice. The Tornadoes enjoyed a 5-4 lead with under a minute to play, but Brendan Lee scored an equalizer goal – and the last one of the day for the Eagles – with a strong wrist shot that skimmed off of the top of Jenkins' mask, but still stayed down enough to find net.

The Tornado defense rallied in the third period – limiting the Eagles to just 1 shot on goal – and was clearly working hard around the blue lines to both stifle the Eagle attack and fuel the Tornado chances. Work along the boards was mostly strong – with only a handful of ill-advised passes up the middle during the game. Danny Smith scored two minutes into the third to put the Tornadoes up for good – but what followed was 8 very exciting minutes of well played hockey as the teams fought hard to score the next goal.

The final goal of the game, which allowed the Tornado fans to breathe a sigh of relief, was a beautiful play from Kemper Terry. Kemper gained possession of the puck, broke into the left side, but saw Danny Smith filling the right side lane. What ensued was a classic pass, shot, score to put the Tornadoes up 7-5 with less than 2 minutes to play.

There were several notable "hustle" moments in the game. Trevor Mertel did a fabulous job skating down a puck to prevent an icing call. A veritable flash of blue streaking by the scorer's table, Trevor never quit on the puck to keep a Tornado attack alive. Caedmon Kim and Noah Koester both hit the ice with tremendous efforts to both clear and retain the zone.

The Tornadoes continue their growth in the offensive zone, as they demonstrated better decision making around their attack. The boys are clearly looking for opportunities to move the puck via the pass in the offensive zone – and those off the puck are doing a nice job of filling the slot with sticks down, ready to shoot or redirect any centering attempts. The Tornadoes earned two points for the win – and, again, earned a sportsmanship point as a result of their clean play.

The Tornadoes next game is this Saturday against the PCMH Spitfires at Sprinker Ice Arena in Spanaway.

Here's the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	0:21	Danny Smith (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	12:00	Kemper Terry (Unassisted)
Seattle Jr.	1	10:16	Mason Jones (Unassisted)
Seattle Jr.	1	13:25	Ryan Day (Unassisted)
Seattle Jr.	1	14:05	Brendan Lee (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	1:50	Jake Sordahl from Zach Johnston
Kent Valley	2	8:16	Zach Johnston (Unassisted)
Seattle Jr.	2	9:50	Ryan Day (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	11:02	Andrew Alonzo from Zach Johnston
Seattle Jr.	2	14:08	Brendan Lee (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	2:02	Danny Smith (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	9:51	Danny Smith (Hat Trick) from Kemper Terry

Kent Valley's Brett Jenkins stopped 7 of 12 shots on goal for 58%.
 Seattle Jr's Ian Potoshnik stopped 17 of 24 shots on goal for 71%.
 Both teams skated penalty free.

Squirt Tornadoes Shutout Everett Grizzlies 4-0

Community Ice Rink, Everett, WA 12 December, 2009 – Hojae Kwon led off the Tornadoes' scoring Saturday with an unassisted goal early in the first period. Sean Blair scored the Tornadoes second goal with an assist from Connor Wilson at the midway point of the second period. Justin Pitzer and Matthew Butson teamed up for goal number three late in the second period. Qass Huffington scored an unassisted goal early in the third period for the Tornadoes fourth and final goal of the game. Final score; Kent Valley 4, Everett Grizzlies 0.

Obviously the game couldn't have been won without those four goals. However, it was the performance of the Tornadoes' net minder Alexander Bucci that made the difference in this game. The Tornadoes were outshot by the Grizzlies 13 to 11, but Bucci managed to turn away all 13 shots by the Grizzlies to earn the shutout. It was a terrific win for Kent Valley as they maintain their place at the top of the NPSHL league standings, locked in a 3-way tie with the Kitsap County Outlaws and Everett Kodiaks.

Below is the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	9:48	Hojae Kwon (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	5:13	Sean Blair from Connor Wilson
Kent Valley	2	2:03	Justin Pitzer from Matthew Butson
Kent Valley	3	11:34	Qass Huffington (Unassisted)

Kent Valley's Alexander Bucci stopped 13 of 13 to earn a shutout.
 Everett's Luke Frost stopped 5 of 9 shots on goal for 56%.
 Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 8 minutes while Everett had 2 minor penalties for 4 minutes.

Squirt Selects Stumble on Spokane Squirt Major, Dominate Spokane Squirt Minor

Eagles Arena, Spokane, WA 13 December, 2009 –The Squirt Selects dropped their first game on Saturday against the Spokane Jr. Chiefs Major team by a score of 1 to 8. They fared much better on Sunday against the Spokane Jr. Chiefs Minor team winning 6 to 1.

Wouldn't it be great to have the enrollment to enable major and minor rep teams at Kent Valley Hockey Association? However, that will take a second sheet of ice, like they have at Eagles Arena in Spokane.

Jonathan Langmack scored the Selects' only goal in game one. Nolan Schaper assisted him on that effort. The score sheet didn't indicate who was in goal for either team or how many shots either net minder faced.

Jeremy Blondin and Nolan Schaper teamed up to tally the Selects' first goal in Sunday's game against the Spokane Jr. Chiefs Minor team. Braden Sanchez and Chase Dosa scored unassisted goals early in the second period. Conner Pitlick scored near the end of the second period with an assist from Andrew Bell.

Nicklas VanHalder owned Spokane in the third period. VanHalder's first goal at 5:20 was assisted by Braden Sanchez. His second goal, scored just 40 seconds later, was unassisted.

Spokane was not without offense in this game. They managed 28 shots on the Kent Valley goal but net minder Cam Hansen turned away all but one shot for an impressive 96% save rate. The Selects fired 36 shots on Spokane's net minders with 6 shots finding the back of the net for scores. The Jr. Chiefs swapped goalies at the mid-point of the second period and it was not clear how many shots each goalie had faced. Their combined save rate was 83%.

The scoring summary is below:

Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (1) vs. Spokane Jr. Chiefs Major (8)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Spokane	1	11:57	Trail Thompson from Brayden Leifker-Lloyd
Spokane	1	9:59	Dawson Tritt form Desmond Parisotto
Spokane	1	9:09	Unknown (22) from Carter Jones
Spokane	1	1:10	Carter Jones from Justin Neely
Spokane	3	14:08	Carter Jones from Dawson Tritt
Spokane	3	13:05	Lucas Gallagher (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	10:11	Jonathan Langmack from Nolan Schaper
Spokane	3	8:14	Hayden Dick from Riley McFarland
Spokane	3	5:35	Ethan Fiorko from Dawson Tritt

Shots on goal were not noted on the score sheet.

Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes while Spokane had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes.

Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (6) vs. Spokane Jr. Chiefs Minor (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	4:20	Jeremy Blondin from Nolan Schaper
Spokane	1	11:30	Paxton Dinwoodie (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	0:06	Braden Sanchez (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	1:30	Chase Dosa (Unassisted)

Kent Valley 2 12:15 Conner Pitlick from Andrew Bell
 Kent Valley 3 5:20 Nicklas VanHalder from Braden Sanchez
 Kent Valley 3 6:00 Nicklas VanHalder (Unassisted)
 Kent Valley's Cam Hansen stopped 27 of 28 shots on goal for 96%.
 Spokane's Ben Waslaski and Tanner Seay stopped 30 of 36 shots on goal for 83%.
 Kent Valley had 6 minor penalties for 12 minutes while Spokane had 1 minor penalty for 2 minutes.

PeeWee Hurricanes and SnoKing PeeWee Grey in Tension Filled and Defensive 0 to 0 Tie

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 12 December, 2009 – One doesn't often see a score sheet like this one where the scoring columns are empty. This must have been an exciting game to watch. And, how often does each goalie walk away with a shutout?

SnoKing Grey had 10 shots on the Hurricane's Kyle Pirttila while the Hurricanes managed only 5 shots on SnoKing's Daniel Ross. Penalties marred the game with Kent Valley taking 18 penalty minutes and SnoKing getting 24 minutes in penalties.

The Hurricanes remain in the middle of the NPSHL PeeWee league standings, just behind the Tornados, their local rival. Next up for the Hurricanes is the Kitsap County Outlaws Red team in Bremerton on December 19th.

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
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Amazing as it seems; No goals were scored in this game. It was a tie, 0 to 0.

Kent Valley's Kyle Pirttila stopped 10 of 10 for 100%
 SnoKing's Daniel Ross stopped 5 of 5 for 100%.
 Kent Valley had 1 minor penalty, 1 major penalty and 1 game misconduct penalty for 18 minutes.
 SnoKing had 3 minor penalties, 1 major penalty and 1 game misconduct penalty for 24 minutes.

PeeWee Tornados' Team Effort Defeats SnoKing Green 8 to 1 in NPSHL Competition

Castle Ice Arena, Renton, WA 12 December, 2009 – The Tornados' first goal was scored by Colin Bartlett following a clean face-off win by Elliot Plourde. Bartlett's goal was described as being "TV highlight worthy." So too was Rachael Rutherford's goal as she deked one, skated by the other and lodged the puck in the tightest top-shelf corner of the goal.

Tornados' goals were also scored by Mason Conner, Dylan Moriarty, Joonas Miquel and Sage Hege. Assists were recorded for Elliot Plourde, Rachel Rutherford, Nicklas Pokrzywinski (2), Colin Bartlett and Mason Conner. That pretty much covers the entire team roster with the exception of Tory Lane-Partlow and Landon Bevier who her absent. Call this one an excellent TEAM EFFORT.

The scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	2:15	Colin Bartlett from Elliot Plourde
Kent Valley	1	5:36	Mason Conner from Rachel Rutherford & Nicklas Pokrzywinski
Kent Valley	1	13:08	Rachel Rutherford from Colin Bartlett
Kent Valley	2	3:30	Colin Bartlett from Nicklas Pokrzywinski
Kent Valley	2	8:50	Dylan Moriarty (Unassisted)

Kent Valley	2	10:49	Joonas Miquel (Unassisted Power Play)
SnoKing	3	5:44	David Satagaj (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	8:50	Mason Conner (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	10:08	Sage Hege from Mason Conner

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 8 of 9 shots on goal for 89%.
 SnoKing's Jessica Elop stopped 22 of 30 shots on goal for 73%.
 Kent Valley had 3 minor penalties for 8 minutes while SnoKing had 3 minor penalties for 9 minutes.

USA Defeats Canada in CAN/AM Challenge

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 13 December, 2009 – Team USA scored an impressive win over Team Canada at Kent Valley's inaugural CAN/AM Pee Wee Challenge this past weekend. Team USA won five of the six games with the LA Selects taking individual team honors with a 3-0 record. The Kent Valley Rainiers were 2-1 and helped Team USA to the victory.

Earlier in the weekend, the LA Selects and Kent Valley Rainiers split their exhibition series with the Selects winning 4-0 and the Rainiers coming back to earn a hard fought 3-2 overtime victory. These two teams look forward to continuing their rivalry throughout the season, leading to the Pacific District tournament in March.

On Saturday night, Kent Valley Ice Centre hosted a team dinner for over 200 players, parents and guests from all four teams. The evening was highlighted by activities that allowed players from each team to get to know each other without their helmets and gloves. Of particular note was the dance competition that featured several incredible performances and clearly indicated that the players have much more talent than simply skating and shooting a puck.

Thanks to the LA Selects, Semiahmoo Ravens, and Cloverdale Colts for making this a memorable weekend for all of the players and parents. Kent Valley looks forward to hosting future events that showcase premier hockey and promotes camaraderie and friendships.

Bantam Tornadoes Sneak by Everett Kodiaks

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 12 December, 2009 – The Everett Kodiaks came to Kent Valley Ice Centre Saturday hoping for a win so they could move up a couple of points in NPSHL league standings. Instead, they departed Kent Saturday afternoon with just a sportsmanship point to maintain their 7th place spot in the standings.

Will Walkey's goal led off the Tornadoes' scoring with an assist from Jordan Tindal at 9:15 in the first period. Zak Gustafson gave the Tornadoes a 2-goal lead at 6:49 of the second period with an assist from Jake Ryerson. Everett's Wylie and Crosby cut the Tornadoes' lead to one goal and gave the Kodiaks some hope with 2:23 remaining in the second period.

Zak Gustafson's unassisted goal early in the third period turned out to be the game winning goal for the Tornadoes. The Kodiak's Crosby and Wylie teamed up again at 8:48 to cut the Tornadoes' lead to one goal. The Kodiaks were unable to get a tying goal as the Tornadoes held on to the lead to win the game 3 to 2.

Goal tending was pretty much even as the Tornadoes' Nick Calfy stopped 15 of 17 shots for 88% and Everett's Lake Rabel turned away 24 of 27 shots for 89%. Penalties were not a factor in the game as neither team was able to take advantage of power play opportunities.

Here's the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	9:15	Will Walkey from Jordan Tindall
Kent Valley	2	6:49	Zak Gustafson from Jake Ryerson
Everett	2	2:23	Wade Wylie from Jonathan Crosby
Kent Valley	3	10:24	Zak Gustafson (Unassisted)

Everett 3 8:48 Jonathan Crosby from Wade Wylie
 Kent Valley's Nick Calfy stopped 15 of 17 shots on goal for 88%.
 Everett's Lake Rabel stopped 24 of 27 shots on goal for 89%.
 Kent Valley had 2 minor penalties and 1 major misconduct penalty for 14 minutes while
 Everet had 1 minor penalty for 2 minutes.

Bantam Tier-II Selects Take Two From Puget Sound Bantam Tomahawks

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 13 December, 2009 – Kent Valley's Tier-II Selects played a couple of close and competitive PNAHA League games over the weekend against the Puget Sound Tomahawks. The Selects earned victory in both games behind the strong goaltending of Jacob Panzer in Saturday's game and Colby Bennett in Sunday's outing. Panzer stopped 17 of 18 shots on goal Saturday for a 94.4% save rate while Bennett stopped 16 of 17 shots on goal Sunday for a 94.1% save rate, impressive stats for both goalies. Puget Sound's goaltender, John Halseth, turned in a strong performance in Sunday's game as he faced 23 shots on goal and turned away 21 of them for 91.3% save rate.

Credit the Selects' Tyler Jennings for getting the puck rolling his team's way in both games. Jennings scored the first goal in each of the games. Jennings scored alone on Saturday and was assisted in his Sunday effort by Mikey Julin and Caleb Bromley. Ryan Zukowski scored a pair of goals in Saturday's game assisted by AJ Alonzo on one goal and Jacob Becker on the other. Zukowski's first goal was the game winner on Saturday.

Caleb Bromley got the game winning goal on Sunday with assists from Ryan Zukowski and Tyler Jennings. Chad Haywood took a big hit in Sunday's game. Haywood got his ribs bruised as he was crunched up against the boards in the third period. It was obvious that Haywood was still feeling the pain at Monday's practice. However, he stuck with it and skated the entire practice.

The Selects are off to Portland next weekend for two exhibition games.

Scoring summaries are below:

Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (3) vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	9:39	Tyler Jennings (Unassisted)
Puget Sound	2	5:19	William Scougale from Colby Hurst (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	12:43	Ryan Zukowski from AJ Alonzo (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	0:08	Ryan Zukowski from Jacob Becker

Kent Valley's Jacob Panzer stopped 17 of 18 shots on goal for 94%.
 Puget Sound's John Halseth stopped 21 of 24 shots on goal for 88%.
 Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes while Puget Sound had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (2) vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	2	7:30	Tyler Jennings from Michael Julin & Caleb Bromley (Power Play)
Puget Sound	2	10:30	Reid Rayfield from Luke Pharis & Colby Hurst (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	5:15	Caleb Bromley from Ryan Zukowski & Tyler Jennings

Kent Valley's Colby Bennett stopped 16 of 17 shots on goal for 94%.
 Puget Sound's John Halseth stopped 21 of 23 shots on goal for 91%.
 Kent Valley had 8 minor penalties for 16 minutes while Puget Sound had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes.

Bantam Tier-I Elite Fall to Westside Warriors

Rossland and Trail, B.C. 13 December, 2009 – The Kent Valley Bantam Tier-I Elite participated in a tournament in the Kootenay at Rossland and Trail, British Columbia over the weekend. The Elite played two games in Rossland on the 11th and 12th and two games in Trail on the 12th and 13th. The Kent Valley team won 1 and lost 3.

Game 1, Kent Valley 3 vs. Kelowna Rockets 4, was a rough game for both teams with 50 minutes in penalties for Kent Valley and 48 minutes for Kelowna. In that game, Justin Loepker scored 2 goals and 1 assist, Johnny Marzec had 1 goal. Damon Hanson, Taylor Vickerman and Anthony Mantz had assists. Goalie stats were not recorded.

Game 2, Kent Valley 6 vs. Pursuit of Excellence 3, was the Elite's best outing and their only win of the tournament. Damon Hanson scored a Hat Trick and had 1 assist. Justin Loepker, Taylor Vickerman and Johnny Marzec also had goals. Grant Wilson, Anthony Mantz (2) and Faiiz Jappie recorded assists. Kent Valley had 2 minor penalties while Pursuit of Excellence had 5 minor penalties.

Game 3, Kent Valley 1 vs. Rossland-Trail 8. Rossland-Trail turned out to be the Elite's toughest competition of the tournament. Justin Loepker continued his tournament scoring streak scoring the Elites only tally of the game. Loepker was assisted by J. Thomas Peach and Alex Lee.

Game 4, Kent Valley 0 vs. Westside Warriors 5, was another penalty ridden game. Kent Valley was unable to get on the scoreboard for anything other than penalties. The Westside Warriors had 9 minor penalties for 18 minutes while Kent Valley had 8 minor penalties, 1 major penalty and 1 game misconduct penalty for 31 minutes.

Midget Tornadoes Finish Desert Classic Tournament 2-1-1 in Tri-Cities, Glaeser Scores First Career Goal

Story Contributed by Mary McDonald

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 13 December, 2009 – The Midget Tornadoes faced some very stiff competition when they arrived in Tri-Cities to participate in the popular Desert Classic Tournament. The team played 3 games in the first 20 hours. The first game, Friday night, was a victory for the Tornadoes as they defeated Tri-Cities #1 by a score of 8-0. On Saturday morning the Tornadoes faced Tri-Cities #3, the team that would eventually edge them out for a spot in the final. Tri-Cities #3 handed the Tornadoes their only loss, by a score of 5-2.

On Saturday afternoon the Tornadoes faced the Oregon High School Hockey Team (Vancouver) and beat them 9-0. This game was very exciting for the team, not because of the score, but because Holly Glaeser scored the very first goal of her hockey career. The team even got the puck for her. All the boys and parents were very happy for her. Congratulations Holly!!

Bright and early Sunday morning, at 05:45, the team left the hotel and headed across the Columbia River to TRAC arena in Pasco to face the Spokane Stars. The game was supposed to start at 06:30 but, during the warm-up, Tornadoes D-Man Julius Bush took a slap-shot, and instead of the net, hit the glass behind the goal. Yes, the glass shattered into a million pieces. The game was delayed until 07:15. The extra break gave both teams the opportunity to return to their locker rooms to catch some more z's before they returned to the ice for what turned out to be one of the best games of the tournament. The game ended in a 4-4 tie. The tie meant the Tornadoes would need the Inland Warhorses to beat the Tri-Cities team in order to advance to the final. Well, that was not to be. All in all the kids played some great hockey, and got away from the normal NPSHL schedule for a weekend. Way to go team, great showing!!

Here's the "Player of the Game" Awards:

Game 1: Kent – 8 vs. Tri-Cities #1 – 0
Player of the game for Kent – Taylor Birkeland

Game 2: Kent – 2 vs. Tri-Cities #3 – 5
Player of the game for Kent – Julius Bush

Game 3: Kent – 9 vs. Oregon High School – 0
Player of the game for Kent – Holly Gleaser

Game 4: Kent – 4 vs. Spokane Stars – 4
Player of the game for Kent – Kyle Miller Smith

T-Birds Weekend Wrap

***Story contributed by Ian Henry
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The T-Birds got an outstanding performance from goalie Calvin Pickard in a 5-1 defeat of the Tri-City Americans on Friday. Pickard made 54 saves to help the T-Birds to the win. Pickard made 21 saves in the first period, 18 saves in the second period and 15 saves in the third period. Five different T-Birds got goal in the win: Mikhail Sentyurin with his first career WHL goal, Prab Rai, Scott Ramsay, Tyler Alos and Lindsay Nielsen. Jeremy Schappert had three assists while Charles Wells had two assists. Pickard made 57 saves against the Americans to shut them out on October 2 at ShoWare Center. The T-Birds were in Everett the next night and fell 2-1 to the Tips in a hard fought game. Sena Acolatse opened the scoring in the first period with his 11th goal of the year. Both of the Silvertips goals came off deflections off Seattle defenders. Pickard made 42 saves on 44 shots in the game.

Jason Thomsen's Shout from the ShoW

Beginner Fest is just around the corner (January 31st) and there are some inquiries about getting the Mini Mites/Mite Minors out to play at the Show. So our pre-game ice is getting really full. If you would like your team to play here before a T-Birds game, please contact me as soon as possible. We are running out of available dates and we would hate for your team to get squeezed out. Organizing a game is easier than you think. Your team will save \$6 per ticket AND get an hour of ice time at ShoWare Center... what could be better? But please call me today as time is running out!

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you right after the Christmas Break!

PS – Call me today to find out about organizing a special holiday group of 10 or more for our game on either Dec 27 or Dec 30 and you may get to shoot for \$10,000 cash!

"Let's Go Birds!"

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Have a great week!

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