

KVHA Squirt "B" Storm 2005/2006

Where are they now?



Brasch, Keegan	Burwell, Jesse	Cratsenberg, Rylan	Dietsch, Jayson
Fiedorowicz, Pier	Gambrell, Dylan	Haywood, Chad	Jensen, Hayden
Labrecque, Jonathan	Sarthou, Evan	Seamans, Matt	Smith, Jason
Sosa, Daniel	Sosa, Domenic	Brown (Thurman), Tyler	

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. 29 November, 2012 - Matt Seamans posted a photograph of the 2005/2006 KVHA Squirt "B" Storm team on his Facebook page back on November 21st. Matt posted the following comment with the photo; *"Amazing how a bunch of small kids chasing a dream end up all over the country chasing that same dream only a few years later."* The photo and Matt's comments intrigued me. Where are all these kids today, I wondered? Well, after several days of research I believe I have the answer and its worth sharing. This is a remarkable group of kids.

- Four of them have been drafted in the Western Hockey League (WHL) Bantam Draft
- Five of them are playing for teams in the North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) - Omaha Junior Lancers 16U, Wenatchee Wild 16U and Phoenix Firebirds U-16
- Two of them are playing for teams in the national Tier-I AAA Hockey League
- One continues his hockey career in Sweden at J18 Division 1 level
- One continues his hockey career in Quebec at Midget AAA level
- One of them is playing in the United States Hockey League (USHL)
- One of them is committed to Denver University's Division I hockey program
- One of them is playing for Team Seattle U16 AAA
- Eight of them are living away from home to pursue their hockey career
- Four of them have retired from playing hockey

The thirteen players and three coaches in the photograph are, left side from closest to head of table: Jayson Dietschi, Dylan Gambrell, Jonathon Lebreque, Jason Smith, Jesse Burwell, Coach Glen Burwell, Pier Fiedorowicz, Coach Jim Gambrell, Matt Seamans, Head Coach Carlos Sosa, Right side of table: Coach Martin Lebreque, Evan Sarthou, Chad Haywood, Domenic Sosa, Keegan Brasch, Daniel Sosa, Tyler Brown (formerly Thurman). Rylan Cratsenberg and Hayden Jensen are missing from the photo.

It's worth noting that four of these players will meet up to play against each other this weekend when their NAPHL teams participate in the NA3HL and NAPHL Showcase Tournament at the Schwan Super

Rink in Blaine, Minnesota. Wenatchee (Haywood) plays Phoenix (Smith) on Friday and Omaha (Brown and Sosa) plays Wenatchee (Haywood) on Saturday.

Here's where they are now:

Keegan Brasch – Playing ice hockey in Sweden for Mälärö Hockeyförening J18 Div 1, also playing Bandy*.

Tyler Brown - Drafted and signed by Moose Jaw Warriors (WHL) and currently playing for Omaha Junior Lancers U16 "AAA" NAPHL (North American Prospects Hockey League); Tyler was adopted by step-father Andrew Brown after the death of his Mother.

Jesse Burwell – Retired from hockey.

Rylan Cratsenberg – Playing for Team Seattle 16U "AAA" PCAHA (Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey League)

Jayson Dietschi – Retired from hockey, returned to Switzerland to live with his Father after the death of his Mother.

Pier Fiedorowicz – Retired from hockey.

Dylan Gambrell – Playing for Dubuque Fighting Saints USHL (United States Hockey League), committed to Denver University Div. I, listed by Seattle Thunderbirds (WHL)

Chad Haywood – Playing for Wenatchee Wild 16U "AAA" NAPHL (North American Prospects Hockey League)

Hayden Jensen – Retired from hockey.

Jonathan Labrecque – Playing for Les Cantonniers de Magog Midget "AAA" of the Ligue de Hockey Midget AAA du Quebec

Evan Sarthou – Drafted and Signed by Tri City Americans (WHL) currently playing for Los Angeles Junior Kings U16 "AAA" Tier-I AAA Hockey League

Matt Seamans – Playing for Las Vegas Storm Midget 18U, Tier-I AAA Hockey League

Jason Smith – Playing for Phoenix Firebirds U-16 "AAA" NAPHL (North American Prospects Hockey League)

Daniel Sosa – Drafted by Lethbridge Hurricanes (WHL) currently playing for Omaha Junior Lancers U18 "AAA" NAPHL (North American Prospects Hockey League)

Domenic Sosa – Playing for Omaha Junior Lancers U16 "AAA" NAPHL (North American Prospects Hockey League)

Only one of these players is playing locally; Rylan Cratsenberg is playing for Team Seattle 16U "AAA." None of the team members are playing their hockey at Kent Valley Hockey Association partially because Kent Valley is not able to offer a Tier-I "AAA" program. Imagine the Tier-I 16U "AAA" team Kent Valley would have if all the active players on the list above had hung around town to play for us.

Head Coach Carlos Sosa had this to say about the team; *"Hard to believe that two of these kids lost their mom's at a very early age. Jayson Dietschi lost his mother half way through the season where the photo was taken, and Tyler Brown lost his mother two years later while playing Pee Wee Minor at Kent. The irony is that both players wore #5 at the time of their Mother's death. When Jayson's Mother died all players had the #5 patch sewn on their jersey for the remainder of the season."* Sosa added; *"Clearly this was a special group."*

Kent Valley Hockey Association wishes them all the best as they pursue their dreams.

***Note:** Bandy is played on ice, wearing ice skates and using a single round ball. Two teams of 11 players each compete to get the ball into the other team's goal using sticks, thereby scoring a goal. The playing field is the size of a football/soccer field.