

# **Tournaments Highlight Weekend Play and Hats Hit the Ice in Mite Rec Battle**

Kent, WA January 22, 2008 – Our Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes, Bantam Tornadoes and Midget “B” Spartans were involved in tournaments this past weekend. The PeeWee Tornadoes were in Tri-Cities for the “Desert Classic,” the Bantam Tornadoes were in Bremerton for the “Battle for the Sound” tournament, and the Midget “B” Spartans were in Eugene, Oregon, for a “Round Robin” with teams from SnoKing, Kitsap, and Eugene. Both the PeeWees and Bantams brought home second place awards. Congratulations to our PeeWee Tornadoes and Bantam Tornadoes for two great performances!

The Midget “B” Spartans came home from Eugene with third place honors and a ton of injuries. They also brought home an invitation from the Eugene Amateur Hockey Association. You can read more about the invitation in the Midget “B” story near the end of this write up.

The tournament games had their share of excitement. But, a North Puget Sound Hockey League makeup game between our two KVHA Mite Recreation teams, the Hurricanes and the Lightning, got pretty exciting when fans littered the ice with hats following Hurricane Conner Pitlick’s “Hat Trick,” his second of the year.

**Editor’s Note:** Conner Pitlick was a guest for one period in the Press Box Sunday at the Seattle Thunderbird’s game. He sat just four seats away from me in the front row. Nobody introduced us, so I had no idea I was in the presence of Saturday’s “Hat Trick” guy. *“Conner; if I had known it was you, I would’ve said something. So, I’ll say it now. Congratulations on that ‘Hat Trick’ buddy! Way to go!”*

Pitlick’s “Hat Trick” wasn’t the only trick on Kent Valley ice over the weekend. Young Joshua Bourne from the Seafair Minor Hockey Association (Richmond, B.C.) scored three goals, one in each period of game #1 of an exhibition duo with our Kent Valley Squirt Tier-II Selects. Check out their combined teams photo later in this write up.

Below are the game summaries from the past weekend. Enjoy!

## **CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE BLOWS INTO THE VALLEY**

### **Mite Hurricanes 4 – Mite Lightning 2**

Kent, WA January 19, 2008 – This has been a competitive rivalry all season and the hard work of the Hurricanes finally paid off. Camden Ward had an awesome day in goal, his first time of the season!! Conner Pitlick had his 2nd Hat Trick this season and it was fun to see the ice littered with hats. Mighty Mite JT Rimorin is finding his groove in front of the net. He scored his 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of the season. Way to go to the Hurricanes fending off a 5 on 3 with tripping penalties called in the third period on Justin Pitzer at 7:28 and Conner Pitlick at 6:18.

Nothing was more exciting than seeing the Lightning goalie, Alex Bucci being pulled with the last remaining seconds of the game to give the extra man advantage but no goals came of it for the Lightning. *Story by Kristine A. Langmack*

Summary of the action:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Hurricanes	1	4:34	Conner Pitlick unassisted
Lightning	2	8:40	Mikey Thomas from Elliott Bucci
Hurricanes	2	2:02	JT Rimorin from Conner Pitlick
Hurricanes	3	11:27	Conner Pitlick unassisted
Hurricanes	3	8:33	Conner Pitlick unassisted (2 <sup>nd</sup> Hat Trick of season)
Lightning	3	4:02	Mikey Thomas unassisted

## Squirt Tier-II Selects Host Seafair Atom A2's

Kent, WA January 20, 2008 – The Kent Valley Squirt Tier-II Selects hosted the Seafair Atom A2's this past weekend at Kent Valley Ice Centre. The two teams traded wins, with Seafair winning on Saturday 4 to 9 and the Selects winning on Sunday 5 to 2. Everyone had fun! (Photo compliments of Sue Peacock)



A scoring summary for both games is noted below:

Saturday's Game – KVHA 4 vs. Seafair 9			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Seafair	1	8:06	Bourne unassisted
Seafair	2	1:48	Sieg unassisted
Seafair	2	4:14	Bourne from Jeyachandran
Seafair	2	8:54	Jeyachandran unassisted
Seafair	2	9:35	McLeod from Bruce
KVHA	2	11:20	Ryno Peacock unassisted
Seafair	2	12:01	Jeyachandran unassisted
Seafair	3	3:35	Bourne from Hart (Hat Trick)
Seafair	3	3:40	Bains from Leong
KVHA	3	6:28	Anton Nikitin from Patrick Dunphy
KVHA	3	9:42	Patrick Dunphy from Anton Nikitin
Seafair	3	9:52	Abraham from Luding & Wijnans
KVHA	3	13:49	Patrick Dunphy from Nick Snyder
Sunday's Game – KVHA 5 vs. Seafair 2			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	2:36	Ryno Peacock unassisted
Seafair	2	5:35	Bourne from Brown
Seafair	2	14:59	Bourne from Daniels
KVHA	3	4:26	Nick Snyder from Ryno Peacock
KVHA	3	5:49	Patrick Dunphy from Matt Dorsey
KVHA	3	9:00	Ryno Peacock from Nick Snyder
KVHA	3	10:01	Anton Nikitin from Patrick Dunphy

## Squirts Lightning Fall to Everett Jr. Silvertips

Kent, WA January 19, 2008 – The Kent Valley Squirt Lightning traveled to Everett Saturday for an exhibition game with the Everett Jr. Silvertips Gold team. The Lightning got a great Saturday morning workout at the Everett Community Ice Rink. The final score was Everett 5 and Kent Valley 2. Everett's Luke Ormsby scored 4 of their 5 goals. Interestingly, Everett's 5 goals and 1 assist (6 points) were spread over only three players with Ormsby getting 4 of the 6. On the other hand, Kent Valley's scoring was more balanced with 2 goals and 2 assists (4 points) earned by four different players. Dylan Moriarty scored a goal at 12:25 of the first period with an assist from Nicklas Pokrzywinski. The Lightning held the lead through the end of the first period and bumped the lead to two at 8:29 of the second period when Jonathan Gonzales scored on an assist from Thomas Speer. Everett went on to score five unanswered goals to take the win. There was no record of shots-on-goal. Only three penalties were assessed, one for the Lightning and two for the Jr. Silvertips.

## ***Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes Take Second in Desert Classic Tournament at Tri-Cities***

**Kennewick (Tri-Cities), WA** – The following summaries were provided by KVHA's Sean Miller following each game of the Desert Classic Tournament. Congratulations to the PeeWee Tornadoes for their excellent performance.

**Sunday, January 21 – Tournament Final** – The Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes lost to the TCAHA Firebirds by a score of 6-4 in the final game of the Desert Classic Tournament in Tri-Cities. Our boys played hard, but just couldn't put the puck in the net late in the game. The team came home with a 2nd place trophy and memories of a fun tournament where we went 4-1-0.

Great job and congratulations to all the PeeWee Tornadoes! They played hard & had fun...that is what it is all about. *(Report from Sean Miller)*

**Sunday, January 19 Game #4** - Good Morning from Tri-Cities! Our Tornadoes did it! The Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes defeated the TCAHA (Tri-Cities) Warriors in a 3-2 game this morning at 7:15AM. The game was hard fought, but our boys played hard and came out on top.

We are in the championship game @ 3:45 this afternoon. Cheer loud!! We can hear you from here! *(Report from Sean Miller)*

**Saturday, January 19 Game #3** - The PeeWee Tornadoes beat the LCAHA (Lewiston) Lightning tonight by a score of 4-2. This was the toughest competition the Tornadoes have faced so far in the tournament. Their tournament record is 3-0-0.

The Tornadoes next game is Sunday at 7:15AM. If they win that one, it is on to the finals. *(Report from Sean Miller)*

**Saturday, January 19 Game #2** - The Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes defeated the SAYHA (Spokane) Bulldogs this morning by a score of 7-1. This morning's game was a lot mellow than last night's game with a total of only 10 penalties between the 2 teams. The Tornadoes are now 2-0 in tournament play.

The Tornadoes' next game is at 5:00PM tonight (01/19) versus the LCAHA (Lewiston) Lightning. GO TORNADOES!! *(Report from Sean Miller)*

**Friday, January 18 Game #1** - Greetings from Tri-Cities where the KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes have won the first game of the Desert Classic. The Tornadoes faced the TCAHA (Tri-Cities) Penguins in the first round defeating them by a score of 6-1. It was a game filled with penalties. The Penguins racked up 14 to the Tornadoes 7.

Next up the Tornadoes face the SAYHA Bulldogs at 9:15AM on Saturday morning. We will keep you posted on our progress! *(Report from Sean Miller)*

## ***Bantam Tornadoes Clinch Second Place in Bremerton Tournament***

Bremerton, WA January 20, 2008 – Kent's Bantam Tornadoes took Second Place overall in a field of twelve teams this weekend at the "Battle for the Sound" Tournament in Bremerton. That field included six Canadian teams which rolled over all six Washington contenders Friday night, including the Tornadoes who suffered a 6-1 loss to the Semiahmoo Ravens.

Kent regrouped Saturday morning and faced the South Delta Spartans. Brendan Laik and Zac Cadiente both scored in the first period. Zac Cadiente tallied another goal early in the second. But, as the second period wore on, the Tornadoes watched their 3-0 lead erode to a tie as the Spartans put three goals on the board. Finally, in the third, Blake Walsh grabbed the game-winning goal and Kent defended their 4-3 lead to win the game.

Saturday night found the Tornadoes skating against the Abbotsford Warriors. Kent had its first goal by the end of the first period thanks to Zac Cadiente deflecting a slap-shot from

Blake Walsh. The second period saw action from Brendan Laik with a goal and Zac Cadiente knocking one in just before the second period buzzer, making it a comfortable 3-0 lead. But, the third period was a nail-biter! Abbotsford scored two goals before pulling their goalie and then getting a penalty shot. Goalie Troy Turpin easily made the save and saved the game as the Tornados won 3-2.

Sunday morning's game against Canadian team Cloverdale was the most impressive as the injury-plagued Tornados were down to only seven skaters. By the end of the first period, our guys were pacing themselves well so as not to tire-out. By the end of the second period, their defensive strategy was working as the game was still scoreless. In the third, Cloverdale had put one on the board, before Brady Anderson saw an opportunity and scored sending this 1-1 game into overtime. In OT, the Tornados switched into high gear and 50 seconds before the clock ran out Blake Walsh scored off of a pass from Zac Cadiente and the Tornados had won 2-1. They had beaten three Canadian teams and were going to the Championship Game!

Several hours later, Kent faced the Semiahmoo Ravens and were fighting for 1st place, but the Tornados suffered more injuries in this game and eventually came up short losing 4-1. The Tornados did not come up short in this tournament, winning Second Place against a multitude of odds. Congratulations to all of our players who can never be counted out including the tournaments MVP's: Zac Cadiente; Kyle Miller-Smith; Brady Anderson; Blake Walsh; and Zach Bloss. You are all awesome! (Story by Sheri Walsh.)

## ***Midget "B's" Travel to Eugene for "Round Robin"***

Eugene, OR January 20, 2008 – The Kent Valley Midget "B" Spartans participated in a "Round Robin" invitational in Eugene, Oregon over the weekend. Invitees included Kent Valley, SnoKing, Kitsap, and Eugene. The Eugene Hockey Association provided a pizza party for all the families prior to the Eugene Generals vs. Puget Sound Tomahawks game. "Round Robin" players provided the entertainment for the first intermission with a 3 legged race on skates. Kent Valley Spartans players Steven Meginnes, Tyler Dunn, Thomas Carey, and Eric Shaver participated with players from other teams in the race. The Spartans' Tyler Dunn was a member of the group that won the race.

**Game #1 Saturday** – The Spartans beat Eugene 1-0. Jason Bartlett scored the winning goal with an assist from Steven Meginnes. The Spartans lost Joey Sherer out for season with broken collar bone. Ugh!!

**Game #2 Saturday** – Kent Valley lost to the SnoKing "B" 6-0. David Carey left due to injured wrist. Fortunately, it was just a sprain and Carey came back to play on Sunday

**Game #3 Sunday** – The Spartans lost to the Kitsap All Stars 5-2. In the first period, Jason Bartlett scored in the Spartans' 1<sup>st</sup> goal assisted by Kevin Yang. Jason scored again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period assisted by Yang and Brandon Johnston. Steven Meginnes sat out this game due to leg injury from Saturday's games.

Spartans' Team Manager, Stefanie Meginnes, shared an e-mail she received from the host of the "Round Robin," Brad McElroy of the Eugene Amateur Hockey Association.

***Eugene Amateur Hockey Invitation to KVHA*** – *A huge thank you to your teams for making the trip to Eugene! We are pleased with the weekend but we realize that you took a leap of faith to make the trip. Without you the weekend would not have been a success. It was equally important that you encouraged your players to participate in our planned events.*

*We are hoping to host more events in the future. Please let me know of any ideas you may have for improvement or just additional "entertainment". The crazier the better!*

*Also, we are hoping you can spread the word that it is time well spent to travel to Eugene. If there are other age groups in your associations ("B" or "House") looking for something new and different let me know and I will help our teams put something together.*

Brad McElroy - [teamwest@comcast.net](mailto:teamwest@comcast.net)

# ***Weekend Game Scores***

## **GAMES AT HOME:**

### **Saturday, January 19, 2008**

01/19 Mite Hurricanes (4) vs. Mite Lightning (2)

01/19 Squirt Tier-II Selects (4) vs. Seafair Atom A2 (9)

### **Sunday, January 20, 2008**

01/20 Squirt Tier-II Selects (5) vs. Seafair Atom A2 (2)

## **GAMES ON THE ROAD:**

01/19 Squirt Lightning (2) vs. Everett Jr. Silvertips Gold (5)

### **"Desert Classic" Tournament in Tri-Cities**

01/18 PeeWee Tornados (6) vs. Tri-Cities Penguins (1)

01/19 PeeWee Tornados (7) vs. Spokane Bulldogs (1)

01/19 PeeWee Tornados (4) vs. Lewiston Lightning (2)

01/20 PeeWee Tornados (3) vs. Tri-Cities Warriors (2)

01/20 PeeWee Tornados (4) vs. Tri-Cities Firebirds (6) FINAL

### **"Battle for the Sound" Tournament in Bremerton**

01/18 Bantam Tornados (1) vs. Semiahmoo Ravens (6)

01/19 Bantam Tornados (4) vs. South Delta Spartans (3)

01/19 Bantam Tornados (3) vs. Abbotsford Warriors (2)

01/20 Bantam Tornados (2) vs. Cloverdale (1) Overtime

01/20 Bantam Tornados (1) vs. Semiahmoo Ravens (4) FINAL

### **"Round Robin" in Eugene**

01/19 Midget "B" Spartans (1) vs. Eugene (0)

01/19 Midget "B" Spartans (0) vs. SnoKing "B" (6)

01/20 Midget "B" Spartans (2) vs. Kitsap All Stars (5)

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