

Should Neck Guards be Mandatory for All Our Ice Hockey Participants?

Kent, WA February 12, 2008 – The horrific neck injury February 10th to Florida Panthers forward Richard Zednik raises the issue of whether or not neck guards should be required for all hockey players and officials involved in the sport of ice hockey. Neck injuries are an inherent risk in a sport that's played with skate blades as sharp as knives. Neck guards aren't mandatory in the NHL. At the amateur level, neck guards are required for all Canadian leagues. However, there are no mandatory requirements for neck guards at the USA Hockey national level. Perhaps now is the time.

For KVHA Members, **Northwest Pro Hockey**, located at Kent Valley Ice Center, has ordered a supply of neck guards and will put them in stock as soon as they arrive. It would be advisable for everyone to acquire a neck guard at their earliest convenience.

One additional thought on this subject; are we prepared as parents, coaches and officials to deal with such an injury on the ice at Kent Valley Ice Centre? Unlike the Florida Panthers vs. Buffalo Sabers game, we typically don't have a team of medics, doctors and trainers on hand who are able to treat this type of injury promptly. The Florida Panthers trainer is credited with saving Zednik's life with his immediate treatment of the life threatening neck injury. Kent Fire Department typically responds to KVIC's calls for help within seven to ten minutes. Are we prepared to manage this type of crisis until they arrive? It's seems to me that our first line of defense should be a \$15 - \$35 neck guard on every KVHA player.

It was a very busy weekend for KVHA teams. It seems like everyone had a game or two, or three. There were some wins, some losses, an exciting tie and one unknown result. Below are the game summaries from the past weekend. Enjoy!

Mite Hurricanes Tie Up SnoKing Green

Kent, WA February 9, 2008 – The Kent Valley Mite Hurricanes gave SnoKing Green four power-play opportunities to score, 3 in the first period and 1 in the third period, but the Green team was unable to score and the Hurricanes managed to come away with a tie. Hurricane goalie Seth Barnett survived the four SnoKing power-plays and turned away 15 of 16 shots for an amazing 94% save rate. SnoKing's Mann stopped 7 of 8 shots for an 88% save rate. Barnett clearly won the goaltending battle. Conner Pitlick got the lone Hurricane goal midway through the 2nd period. The Hurricanes enjoyed the lead until midway into the third period when SnoKing's Pollon tied the game. The game was the Hurricane's fourth tie in league play. They remain in 7th place in NPSHL league standings while SnoKing Green holds a two point advantage in 6th place. A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Comments
KVHA	2	7:25	Conner Pitlick unassisted
SnoKing	3	8:26	Pollon unassisted

Squirt Lightning Show Improvement against Kitsap Outlaws

Bremerton, WA February 10, 2008 – The 11th place Kent Valley Squirt Lightning faced off against the 5th place Kitsap Outlaw Black team on Sunday in Bremerton for their third meeting of the NPSHL season. The two previous games were lopsided affairs as the Lightning failed to get on the scoreboard and the Outlaw's scored seven goals in each of the two games. However, Sunday was a different story. The Lightning demonstrated their improved skills by holding the Outlaws to just four goals and scoring one of their own. Jonathan Gonzales scored the Lightning's only goal at 6:29 of the third period. Lightning goalie Sammy Sellami stopped 24 of 28 Outlaw shots a respectable 86% save rate. The Lightning had the only penalties in the game, two in the final period. The Tomahawks were unable to take advantage of the power-play opportunities. The Hurricanes will face the

Puget Sound Tomahawks on home ice in their final NPSHL outing on Saturday February 23rd. The Tomahawks are currently in 9th place in NPSHL league standings.

Squirt Tier-II Selects Face Seafair Atom A2 in Richmond, B.C.

Richmond, B.C. February 10, 2008 – The Seafair Atom A2’s were great hosts to our Squirt Selects off the ice in Richmond, B.C. this past weekend. However, on the ice the A2’s were all business taking two in a row from the Selects. Rumor has it that a nearby water park “Water Mania” helped the Selects soothe the wounds of two losses. A scoring summary is below:

Game #1 – Saturday			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Seafair	1	10:04	Bains unassisted
KVHA	1	8:30	Nick Pizzey from Zack Houck
Seafair	1	6:34	Jeyachandran from Bourne
Seafair	2	14:14	Bourne unassisted
KVHA	2	13:58	Patrick Dunphy from Matt Dorsey & Lydia Grauer
KVHA	2	1:12	Alec Johnson from Zack Houck
Seafair	3	8:52	Jeyachandran from Bourne & Wijnanz
Seafair	3	6:22	Abraham from Bourne & Jeyachandran
Seafair	3	5:42	Bourne from Jeyachandran
Seafair	3	1:28	Bourne from Jeyachandran & Hills
Seafair	3	1:12	Bains unassisted

Game #2 – Sunday			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	11:47	Ryno Peacock unassisted
Seafair	2	11:14	Sieg from Hart
Seafair	2	8:07	Abraham from Bains
Seafair	2	7:45	Wijnanz from Leong
KVHA	2	6:41	Alec Johnson unassisted
Seafair	3	8:56	Bains from Jeyachandran
Seafair	3	5:04	Bourne unassisted
Seafair	3	2:52	Hart unassisted

PeeWee Tornadoes (5) Seattle Jr. Blades (3)

Kent, WA February 9, 2008 – The 1st place Kent Valley PeeWee Tornadoes faced the 6th place Seattle Jr. Blades this past weekend on solidified their hold on 1st place in the NPSHL with a 5 to 3 win over the Blades. Unfortunately, the score sheet was unreadable, so it’s not clear who scored points in the game. Congratulations to the Tornadoes for their 14th NPSHL win.

PeeWee Hurricanes (1) Seattle Jr. Eagles (3)

Lynnwood, WA February 9, 2008 – The Seattle Jr. Eagles defeated the Kent Valley PeeWee Hurricanes by a score of 3 to 1 on Saturday at Lynnwood Ice Center. A score sheet was not available for game details.

PeeWee Hurricanes (4) WWFHA Phoenix (0)

Kent, WA February 10, 2008 – The Kent Valley PeeWee Hurricanes shutout the WWFHA by a score of 4 to 0 on Sunday at Kent Valley Ice Centre. A score sheet was not available for game details.

PeeWee Tier-II Tests Tier-I Travel Team

Kirkland, WA February 2, 2008 – The PeeWee Tier-II Selects were looking for some tough competition and found it within their own association. The Selects booked a two game series for the weekend with the Kent Valley Tier-I Travel Team and had their hands full on both days. The Tier-I PeeWee's won Saturday's game by a score of 10 to 1. The Tier-II Selects took what they learned on Saturday into Sunday's game and closed the gap a bit. The Tier-I PeeWee's won Sunday's game by a score of 6 to 2. In some ways, the two teams were equal over the two days. Penalties were 11 for the Tier-I team and 10 for the Tier-II team over the two games. Shots on goal were close as well. The Tier-I team had 39 shots on Saturday and 40 shots on Sunday. The Tier-II team had 14 shots in each game.

Game #1 – Saturday			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Tier-I	1	6:34	Zachary Walden from Damon Hanson
Tier-I	1	7:17	Anthony Mantz from Colton Bohonos & Sam Hershgold
Tier-I	1	8:44	Zachary Walden unassisted
Tier-II	1	13:33	Keegan Brasch from Michael Julin
Tier-I	1	14:05	Anthony Mantz from Sam Hershgold
Tier-I	2	2:31	Bryce Wikman from Dylan Gambrell & Damon Hanson
Tier-I	2	3:57	Dylan Gambrell unassisted
Tier-I	2	9:11	Bryce Wikman from Sam Hershgold & Dylan Gambrell
Tier-I	3	1:21	Bryce Wikman from Dylan Gambrell & Damon Hanson (Hat Trick for Wikman)
Tier-I	3	7:43	Caleb Bromley from Zachary Walden
Tier-I	3	9:19	Hayden Jensen unassisted

Game #2 – Sunday			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Tier-I	1	2:41	Brock Weidl from Hayden Jensen
Tier-II	1	6:48	Harrison Bragg from Chad Haywood
Tier-I	2	10:03	Zachary Walden from Hayden Jensen & Nick Metzman
Tier-II	3	:07	Keegan Brasch unassisted
Tier-I	3	2:54	Damon Hansen unassisted
Tier-I	3	5:17	Damon Hansen from Bryce Wikman & Anthony Mantz
Tier-I	3	14:14	Nick Metzman from Bryce Wikman
Tier-I	3	14:57	Dylan Gambrell unassisted

Bantam Tornadoes Win in League Play

Kent, Washington February 9, 2008 – The Bantam Tornadoes were back at home in Kent this weekend playing a league game against Kitsap Red on Saturday. The guys were a little slow in the first period only gaining a couple of penalties as they watched Kitsap score a goal. However, the Tornadoes got things going in the second, as Zac Cadiente scored a goal set-up by Brendan Laik and Blake Walsh. Later that period, Zac Cadiente scored again. Brady Anderson fought his way through and scored in the third assisted by Kyle

Miller-Smith and Zach Bloss. The rest of the third period was all Tornadoes, with Kyle Miller-Smith scoring an all-net goal assisted by Neil Dhanda, and Brady Anderson knocking in another one just seconds before the end of the game making it 5-1. The Tornadoes retain their position at the top of the league standings. *(Story by Sheri Walsh)*

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kitsap	1	11:08	McMullin, unassisted
KVHA	2	11:05	Zac Cadiente from Brendan Laik & Blake Walsh
KVHA	2	5:10	Zac Cadiente from Blake Walsh
KVHA	3	9:42	Brady Anderson from Kyle Miller-Smith & Zach Bloss
KVHA	3	6:20	Kyle Miller-Smith from Neil Dhanda
KVHA	3	:45	Brady Anderson from Neil Dhanda & Kyle Miller-Smith

Bantam Tier-I Selects Face Portland Jr. Hawks

Kent, WA February 10, 2008 – Kent Valley’s Bantam Tier-I Selects had 3 shots at the Portland Jr. Hawks this weekend. The Selects lost game one by a margin of 4 goals, lost game two by 3 goals and lost the final game by just 1 goal. In spite of improving their performance over the course of the three games, the biggest loss of the weekend for the Selects was a shoulder injury to Connor Bambico that puts him out for the season.

All things considered in the three-game series with Portland, goaltending between the two teams was very close to even with a 1.5% edge in favour of Portland. Kent Valley was 3 of 16 on power plays for 19% while Portland scored on 4 of 12 opportunities for 33%. Portland had 88 shots on goal over 3 games while Kent Valley had 48 shots on goal.

Next up for the Kent Valley Tier-I Selects is the PNAHA State Tournament at Kent Valley ice Centre February 22nd – 24th. Below is the weekend 3-game scoring summary:

Game #1 – Saturday at Kent Valley Ice Centre			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Portland	1	10:46	Tucker from A. Bordak
Portland	1	:01	J. Bordak unassisted
Portland	2	13:08	Tucker-Spooner from MacPherson
KVHA	2	11:57	Anthony Petruzzelli unassisted
KVHA	2	2:35	Anthony Petruzzelli from Jordan Davidson
KVHA	3	13:28	Anthony Petruzzelli from Molly Doner & Hans Eggebroten (Hat Trick for Petruzzelli)
Portland	3	12:25	Martin from King & MacPherson
Portland	3	8:59	King from J. Bordak
Portland	3	7:50	Martin from Boeschenstein
Portland	3	4:18	Givens from A. Bordak

Game #2 – Sunday at Kent Valley Ice Centre			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	1:50	Carl Peebles III from Anthony Petruzzelli & Connor Bambico
Portland	2	9:36	King from Martin
Portland	2	6:02	J. Bordak from Albert
KVHA	3	7:12	Anthony Petruzzelli unassisted
Portland	3	3:54	Mingus from Tucker-Spooner & Givens
Portland	3	2:32	MacPherson from King & Tucker
Portland	3	:07	A. Bordak from Mingus & Boeschenstein

Game #3 – Sunday at Everett Comcast Center

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	1:11	Kyle Blondin unassisted
Portland	2	13:25	MacPherson from King & Tucker-Spooner
Portland	3	10:02	King from Tucker
Portland	3	9:35	Martin from Givens
KVHA	3	6:38	Anthony Petruzzelli unassisted
Portland	3	6:13	Tucker from Givens
KVHA	3	1:25	Carl Peebles III from Jereme Clark

Weekend Game Scores

Saturday, February 9, 2008

??? - Mite Lightning () vs. SKAHA Blue () No game report
Tie - Mite Hurricanes (1) vs. SKAHA Green (1)
Loss - Squirt Lightning (1) vs. Kitsap Outlaws Black (4)
Loss - Squirt Tier-II (3) vs. Seafair Atom A2 (8)
Win - PeeWee Tornadoes (5) vs. Seattle Jr. Blades (3)
Loss - PeeWee Hurricanes (1) vs. Seattle Jr. Eagles (3) No game report
N/A - PeeWee Tier-II Selects (1) vs. Tier-I Travel Team (10)
Win - Bantam Tornadoes (5) vs. Kitsap Outlaws Red (1)
Loss - Bantam Tier-I Selects (3) vs. Portland Jr. Hawks (7)

Sunday, February 10, 2008

Loss - Squirt Tier-II (2) vs. Seafair Atom A2 (6)
Win - PeeWee Hurricanes (4) vs. WWFHA Phoenix (0) No game report
N/A - PeeWee Tier-II Selects (2) vs. Tier-I Travel Team (6)
Loss - Bantam Tier-I Selects (2) vs. Portland Jr. Hawks (5)
Loss - Bantam Tier-I Selects (3) vs. Portland Jr. Hawks (4)

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