

## ***Tournaments Highlight KVHA Veteran's Day Holiday Weekend Play***

Kent, WA November 13, 2007 – Remembrance Day in Canada and Veteran's Day in the USA provided holiday tournament opportunities for some of KVHA's hockey teams. A new flag, raised about a week ago, flew from the flagpole in front of Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC), just in time for KVHA and KVIC to show respect for our Nation's Veterans. The old flag was retired and taken to McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma last week by KVHA member and Air Force Recruiter Chris Seamans for proper disposal. KVHA's Midget "B" Assistant Coach Mike Hodge gave a Veteran's Day presentation to students at Kent School District's Mill Creek Middle School on Friday. Check out **Coaches Corner – Coach Mike's Lessons** on our KVHA web site for a write-up and photos.

Over the three-day weekend, or four-day weekend for those that played games on Friday the 9th, KVHA sent five teams across the border to Canada for tournaments with mixed results. Details of tournament games as well as local activity are noted below. Enjoy!

### ***Mite Lightning 4 - SnoKing Mite Major Grey 3***

Kent, WA November 10, 2007 – Mike Thomas scored the Lightning's leadoff goal against the SnoKing Mite Major Grey on Saturday but Grey responded with two goals of their own to end the first period with the lead, 2 to 1. Lightning took the lead back on two goals in the second period to finish the period with a one goal lead, 3 to 2. Each team scored a goal in the third period and the Lightning held on to the one-goal lead to win the game 4 to 3.

Thomas scored his first goal, an unassisted goal, just 35 seconds into the game. It wasn't until almost 8 minutes later that SnoKing was able to get on the scoreboard at 8:41 on a goal by Kellen Hoke with an assist from Eric Possa. SnoKing took over the lead at 12:47 of the first period on a goal by Possa with an assist by Caleb Losey.

The Lightning managed all the scoring in the second period. JJ Blondin led off the second period scoring at 8:06 with assists from Sean Blair and Cole Best. Sean Blair scored an unassisted goal at 9:48 to take back the lead for the Hurricanes.

The Lightning gave SnoKing Grey two power play opportunities in the third period but Grey was unable to benefit from the man-advantage. Mike Thomas scored the Lightning's fourth and final goal of the game at 10:12 to take the lead 4 to 2. It was Thomas' second goal of the game, an unassisted goal, and also what turned out to be the game winning goal. SnoKing pressed hard during the closing minutes and seconds of the game and were able to score with 36 seconds remaining in the game. The SnoKing goal was scored by Justin Lantz with an assist by Conner Hoke, but it was too little too late as the Lightning took the win by a score of 4 to 3. SnoKing out shot Lightning 17 to 12. Lightning goalie Cameron Hansen stopped 14 of SnoKing's 17 shots while SnoKing's Rajin Ludu stopped 8 of the Lightning's 12 shots. Each team received two penalties during the game.

### ***Mite Hurricanes 3 - Kitsap Mite Outlaws 3***

Bremerton, WA. November 10, 2007 – The KVHA Mite Hurricanes traveled to Bremerton to play the Kitsap Mite Outlaws on Saturday. They played to a 3 to 3 tie. We regret that we do not have a score sheet from which to be able to determine who scored what and when they scored it. However, the tie score would indicate that it was a great game. Congratulations Hurricanes.

### ***Squirt Lightning 0 - Puget Sound Tomahawks 9***

Tacoma, WA. November 10, 2007 – The Puget Sound Tomahawks took advantage of home ice on Saturday and showed no mercy. The Tomahawks scored 5 unanswered goals in the first period and took a break during the second period to provide the Lightning time to catch up. However, the Lightning couldn't mount an attack. The Tomahawks went back to work in the third period and scored four unanswered goals. Tomahawks scoring is noted below:

Kyle Katras - 4 goals and 3 assists for 7 points  
 Dallas Cairns - 1 goal and 5 assists for 6 points  
 Dawson Butt - 4 goals and 2 assists for 6 points  
 Jack Sartan - 1 assist

Unfortunately, a very poorly written score sheet failed to identify the Tacoma goalie who earned the shut out.

## **Spokane Squirt "B" Blank KVHA Squirt Selects 6 - 0**

Kent, WA November 10, 2007 – From Spokane’s point of view, the KVHA Squirt Selects were the perfect hosts on Saturday. The Selects provided the ice and allowed the visitors to win. Spokane shocked the Selects in the opening period by scoring four unanswered goals in less than six minutes. Selects goalie Austin Phelps was able to turn away 19 of 25 shots while his teammates managed 14 shots on the Spokane goal. The Kent Valley Selects suffered two penalties during the game, both resulting in power play goals for Spokane. Spokane gave the Selects 3 power play opportunities during the game with no conversions.

Spokane’s six goals were scored by five different players. Add the assists for those six goals and the total Spokane points for goals and assists were spread amongst nine of the team’s thirteen players. This team appears to be a well balanced team with no particular player dominating play. Why are they a “B” team and not a “Tier-II” team?

## **PeeWee Hurricanes 5 - SnoKing Green Geckos 4**

Kent, WA November 10, 2007 – The KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes had the early morning game at KVIC this Saturday and the heat generated by their performance helped cut the chill in Kent Valley Ice Centre. The Hurricanes mounted a well-balanced attack against the Green Geckos from Kingsgate Arena. Dane Shaver stood in goal for the Hurricanes and turned away 14 of 18 Green Geckos’ shots. Shaver’s teammates fired 23 shots at SnoKing’s Jake Panzer with 5 of those shots finding their mark. The Hurricanes gave the Green Geckos 3 power play opportunities, one in the first and two in the third, but the Geckos were unable to capitalize on the one-man advantages. Scoring details are noted below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	3:00	Jack Speer from Ryan Zukowski & Brandon Endres
KVHA	1	5:05	Miles Hansen from Alek Hughes & AJ Alonzo
SKAHA	2	4:17	Jackson Rakuczy from Jacob Byrd & Nick Phillips
KVHA	2	5:24	Tyler Jennings from Jack Speer
KVHA	2	7:07	Ryan Zukowski from Brandon Endres & Jack Speer
SKAHA	2	9:50	Nick Phillips from Jacob Byrd & Branden McVay
SKAHA	3	6:42	Jacob Byrd from Branden McVay & Karen Harris
KVHA	3	13:06	Ryan Zukowski from AJ Alonzo
SKAHA	3	14:51	Jackson Rakuczy from Branden McVay

## **PeeWee Tornadoes 6 - Everett Jr. Tips Black 0**

Everett, WA. November 10, 2007 – The NPSHL leading KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes defeated the Everett Jr. Tips Black on Saturday by a score of 6 to 0. The game was particularly exciting for Braedon Billheimer as he scored his first career goal and assisted on one other. According to Coach Bennett; *"Billheimer's goal was the result of a ripping shot from the point that found the back of the net."* It also wasn't a bad outing for Tornadoes' goalie Colby Bennett as he got his second shutout of the season. Scoring detail is noted in the table below.

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	6:40	Tristan Sanabria from Braedon Billheimer
KVHA	1	9:37	Jason Smith unassisted
KVHA	2	:58	Wyatt Duncan from Hunter Nickell
KVHA	2	13:17	Angus Abels from Tristan Sanabria
KVHA	2	14:29	Braedon Billheimer unassisted
KVHA	3	4:25	Angus Abels from William Walkey

The KVHA PeeWee Tornadoes top the standings in North Puget Sound Hockey League (NPSHL) play with 5 wins, no losses and no ties. The Seattle Jr. Badgers are in second place with 4 wins, no losses and 2 ties. Way to go Tornadoes!

## ***KVHA Bantam Tornadoes Extend Win Streak***

Kent, WA. November 10, 2007 - Tight, white jerseys and a player out with a broken toe couldn't keep the KVHA Bantam Tornadoes from winning their fifth straight game as they beat the Everett Jr. Tips Green Saturday 6-2 at Kent Valley Ice Centre. It was another impressive team effort with Zac Cadiente scoring the first goal four minutes into the game. Everett Green tied it up just seconds before the first period buzzer sounded, but Brendan Laik put the Tornadoes back on top with a dazzling goal while Kyle Miller-Smith made it 3-1 with an assist by Ben Fleming. A scuffle at the end of the second period set up a power play for Kent to score two more early in the third with Zac Cadiente eventually earning a third period "Natural Hat Trick" assisted by Neil Dhanda, Zack Erickson and Stone Hanlon. Great job Tornadoes! (Game report submitted by Sheri Walsh.)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
KVHA	1	3:07	Zac Cadiente from Brendan Laik
Everett	1	14:45	Martin from Whitmire & Atkins
KVHA	2	3:34	Brendan Laik from Zac Cadiente
KVHA	2	5:18	Kyle Miller-Smith from Ben Fleming
KVHA	3	3:18	Zac Cadiente from Zack Erickson & Neil Dhanda
KVHA	3	3:25	Zac Cadiente from Neil Dhanda
KVHA	3	4:40	Zac Cadiente from Stone Hanlon
Everett	3	13:10	Maley from Martin & Young

## ***Midget "B" Selects Drop Pair to SnoKing Midget "B"***

Kent, WA. November 11, 2007 – The SnoKing Midget "B's" showed up at Kent Valley Ice Centre Saturday night with a newly recruited goalie. Enough said... The Kent Valley Selects managed to score one goal in Saturday's game, Tyler Dunn scored off an assist from Justin Sellers. Coach Bob Sellers was so disappointed with his team's performance on Saturday that he had the boys remain on the ice after the game for some skating drills. The Selects skated until curfew time and were glad to see the Zamboni gate being raised at curfew. The Selects spent 32 minutes in the penalty box on Saturday compared to 12 minutes for SnoKing. Selects goalie Eric Shaver stopped 26 of 31 shots on Saturday while his SnoKing counterpart stopped 16 of 17 Kent shots.

Sunday's game was one notch better for the Selects as they managed to put together a two goal effort and almost double their number of shots from the previous game. At 7:41 into the second period, Kevin Yang took a Tyler Dunn pass from one end of the ice to the other and beat the SnoKing goalie with a shot under his right arm. At 10:53 of the third Justin Sellers scored out of a scramble in front of the SnoKing goal. Sellers and teammates Joey Scherer and Steven Meginnes batted the puck around between them in front of the goal

until Sellers was able to find an opening in the SnoKing goalies' defense. The Kent Valley Selects were able to lower the penalty-in-minutes number for Sunday's game to 28 minutes, four minutes less than the prior game. Referee Savage had his whistle in his mouth most of the game as he tagged SnoKing for an incredible 42 penalty minutes. Selects goalie Cody Hodge stopped 46 of 51 shots on Sunday while his SnoKing counterpart stopped 26 of 28 Kent shots. In spite of the scores, both games were exciting to watch.

**Editor's comment:** *Credit is due Referees Tony Milles (Saturday's game) and Danny Savage (Sunday's game) for quality officiating and control over two games that could have easily gotten out of hand. Both Milles and Savage maintained control of their respective games by making the calls before things went bad or got out of hand. Savage put a stop to the after-the-whistle battles in front of the nets Sunday by talking to the players and the benches. Some might call the number of penalties assessed in both games as being excessive; I call it prudent! Well done gentlemen!*

## **Tournament Results:**

### ***Kent Valley Squirt "A" Win Saanich Remembrance Day Atom "A" Tournament***

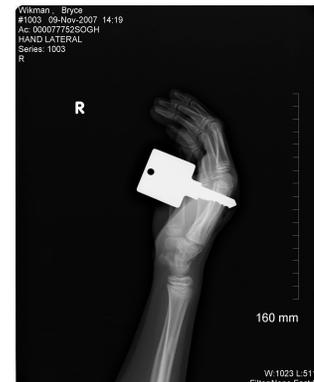
Saanich, B.C. Canada, November 12, 2007 – The Kent Valley Squirt "A" team won all five games in the Saanich Remembrance Day Tournament. In the round-robin, Kent Valley beat Juan De Fuca, Victoria Racquet Club and Saanich. The semi-final game was against Cloverdale. Kent Valley won the game 9-4 and advanced to the finals against Semiahmoo. In the finals, the first period was a back and forth affair with the period ending in a 2-2 tie. Kent Valley took control of the game in the second period and pushed the pace, taking a 5-2 lead at the close of the second period. The third period saw the two teams swap goals with Kent Valley finally prevailing 7-4. The run to the tournament championship pushed the team's season record to 12-1. Next weekend Kent Valley hosts Surrey Atom A1 in a pair of exhibition games at Kent Valley Ice Centre. (Tournament report contributed by Glenn Kempf.)

### ***Kent Valley Travel PeeWees "Lose the Key to Their Success"..... Win Streak Ends at 14***

The Kent Valley Travel PeeWees brought an 11 game winning streak into the South Okanagan Tournament this past weekend. They illustrated this winning streak early on with dominating victories over New Westminster 4-1 and Ridge Meadows 4-0. With the winning streak now at 13 games, the boys seemed to "LOSE THE KEY TO THEIR SUCCESS". They were able to beat North Vancouver 4-3 and finish 1st in their division but their usual smothering fore-check, tenacious defense and all around team effort was lacking. The lack of intensity continued in the semi-final game against Port Alberni and the final result was Kent Valley's 1st loss in 14 games with the final score being 3-2.

Despite the loss, the boys realize what the "KEY TO THEIR SUCCESS" is and the team's goal is to regain that focus and team commitment to the small details and start a new winning streak. The Kent Valley Travel PeeWees play next against Spokane in a series of games in early December and then off to Kamloops Dec 7-9. (Tournament report contributed by Mike Anderson, West Coast Hockey Club.)

**Editor's Note:** *Ouch! Note the X-Ray on the right. The reference to "Key" in the story above is intentional. Player Bryce Wikman suffered an injury to his hand when he fell down some stairs and the hotel key went through his hand. Wikman was unable to participate in tournament games.*



## ***Bantam Selects Win 3 and Lose 2 at Port Alberni Bantam "AA" Tournament***

Port Alberni, B.C. Canada, November 12, 2007 – KVHA's Bantam Selects blew into Port Alberni, B.C. for the Remembrance Day Tournament and the November 12<sup>th</sup> wind storm blew the Bantams off the B.C. Ferry System and delayed their return home four hours.

The Selects faced Surrey in game one and came away with a 5 to 3 win. The Selects met a tough Port Alberni team in game two and lost by a score of 8 to 1. Game 3 put the Selects in a close contest with a strong North Island team, but the Selects came out on top with a 4 to 3 win. In the final game of round robin play the Selects played Saanich to a 4 to 2 win and finished the round robin series with 3 wins and 1 loss, qualifying them for the Bronze Medal game. In Monday's Bronze Medal game the Selects faced Kerry Park team and played an excellent game. However, Kerry Park prevailed with a 4 to 2 win.

Molly Doner received MVP honors for game 1.

Anthony Petruzzelli received MVP honors for game 2.

Kyle Blondin received MVP honors for game 3.

Mikey Anderson received MVP honors for game 4.

Josh Chambers received MVP honors for game 5.

## ***West Coast Midgets "Tie One On" In Westside Warrior AAA Tournament***

Westbank, B.C. Canada, November 11, 2007 – It was the best of times and the worst of times for the WC Midgets as they took on all challengers at the Westside Warriors AAA Tournament Nov 9-12. With only 1 loss under their belt, the WC Midgets failed to reach the playoff round which was a direct result of inconsistent play and they left Westbank, BC with a 0-1-3 record.

YES, that's 3 ties.....The WC boys had a 2 goal lead going into the 3rd period in their only loss against Burnaby (4-3) and the same is true against the Westside Warriors with a slightly different result (2-2). The WC Boys were able to change the tables and make some late 3rd period comebacks against Pursuit of Excellence (6-6) and Penticton Vee's (5-5). In the final game against Penticton, the WC Midget's were down 4-0 in the first 10 minutes but Coach Pauly was able to bring the team around and the comeback was complete with 14 seconds left in the 3rd.

We've seen the best of the West Coast Hockey Club Midgets and we've seen the worst. The team's goal is to play a complete game and that starts next weekend in Portland for 3 tune-up games and then they are off to Littleton, Colorado over Thanksgiving for the Littleton Hawks Annual U-16 Tournament. (*Tournament report contributed by West Coast Hockey Club.*)

## ***U-16 Disappointed at Abbotsford Midget Rep Tournament***

Abbotsford B.C. Canada, November 11, 2007 – Kent Valley's U-16 Coach Les Grauer took a very strong forward unit with great depth and experience, two outstanding goalies and one lone defenseman to the Abbotsford Midget Rep Tournament. It only took one game for the opposition to discover Kent Valley's shortage of defensemen and they used it to their advantage for the balance of the tournament.

The weekend was an interesting test-drive of a very talented group of offensive players. Unfortunately, with five defensemen not in attendance and a short bench, it was not possible to have the success the team might have otherwise achieved. Notwithstanding, it was obvious that once the defense is added, the Kent Valley U-16 will have a very strong team. Thanks to the forwards who played defense this weekend, the team is left with a

greater appreciation of what a crucial role good defenseman play in the success of a team. Selects General Manager Lexi Doner said; *"If the defensive core had been present for the weekend, I truly believe we would have won the tournament. Offensively, we still generated 17 goals in four games in spite having no set lines or power play, a short bench, and playing against older players (The Canadian division allows up to 17-1/2 year-olds). Unfortunately, we allowed far too many goals against. Once our defense is in place, that problem ceases to exist, and this team will compete with the best anywhere."*

**Kent Valley Selects 6 - Okanogan Hockey Academy 1** The game was described as being a "back-and-forth" battle between the two teams, Okanogan Hockey Academy and the Kent Valley Selects. The skating was fast and furious, and the Academy came out hitting hard. Kent Valley scoring consisted of the following:

Jesse Martorano from Nick Kukielkaa  
Corey James from Tyler Parker and Dylan McDonald  
Ryan Donner from Mark Palacios  
Tyler Parker unassisted  
Tyler Parker unassisted  
Greg Pittman unassisted

**Kent Valley Selects 3 - South Delta Storm 11** The South Delta Storm must have gotten the word that KVS was a fast skating team but short on defensemen. They exploited Kent Valley's defensive weakness and stunned the Selects with a barrage of 11 goals to Kent Valley's 3 tallies. Following is the Selects scoring:

Nick Kukielkaa from Eliot Grauer  
Ryan Donner from Trevor Cheek  
Eliot Grauer from Nick Kukielkaa

**Kent Valley Selects 6 - Abbotsford Hawks 8** For game 3, Coach Les Grauer tried mixing up the forwards with his team's one and only defenseman in an attempt to strengthen the team's defense. The tactic worked for awhile but proved to be too much for a potent offense. In the first period the Kent Selects racked up 5 goals to Abbotsford's 3 goals. At 11:00 AM the game was stopped to give a minute of silence to all past and present Veterans. However, once the minute of silence was over the battle resumed. The second period was marred by numerous penalties on both sides. At one point there were over 10 players serving various penalties. It was a frustrating loss for the Kent Valley Selects. Selects scoring consisted of the following:

Trevor Cheek unassisted  
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Eliot Grauer unassisted  
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Ryan Donner unassisted  
Mark Palacios from Trevor Cheek

**Kent Valley Selects 2 - Whitehorse Mustangs 7** Game #4 was the Consolation game between the 3rd place Red Pool team, Kent Valley and the 3rd Place Black Pool team, Whitehorse. By now, the word was out that Kent Valley had one lone defensemen and a bunch of forwards trying their best to be defensemen. Coach Grauer again tried mixing up a workable defense but it proved again to lack the muster needed to stop a hard hitting and charging Whitehorse Mustang team. Kent scoring:

Jesse Martorano from Eliot Grauer.  
Eliot Grauer unassisted

# ***KVHA Weekend Game Summary***

***For November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007***

## **Individual Games:**

Win 11/10 – Mite Lightning (4) vs. SnoKing Jr. T-Birds Grey (3)  
No Report 11/10 – Mite Hurricanes (3) vs. Kitsap Mite Outlaws (3)  
Win 11/10 – Squirt Lightning (9) vs. Puget Sound Squirt Tomahawks (0)  
Loss 11/10 – Squirt Selects (0) vs. Spokane Squirt Tier-II (6)  
Win 11/10 – PeeWee Hurricanes (5) vs. SnoKing Jr. T-Birds Green (4)  
Win 11/10 – PeeWee Tornadoes (6) vs. Everett Jr. Tips Black (0)  
Win 11/10 – PeeWee Selects (7) vs. SnoKing PeeWee Tier-II (5)  
Win 11/11 – PeeWee Selects (8) vs. SnoKing PeeWee Tier-II (1)  
Win 11/10 – Bantam Tornadoes (6) vs. Everett Jr. Tips Green (2)  
Loss 11/10 – Midget "B" Spartans (1) vs. SnoKing Midget "B" (5)  
Loss 11/11 – Midget "B" Spartans (2) vs. SnoKing Midget "B" (5)

## **Tournament Games:**

### 11/10 – Squirt Tournament Team (Starz) at Saanich Minor Hockey Tournament

Win 11/10 – Kent Valley (?) vs. Juan De Fuca (?)  
Win 11/10 – Kent Valley (?) vs. Victoria Racquet Club (?)  
Win 11/11 – Kent Valley (?) vs. Saanich (?)  
Win 11/12 – Kent Valley (9) vs. Cloverdale (4)  
Win 11/12 – Kent Valley (7) vs. Semiahmoo (4)

### 11/09-11/11 – PeeWee Tournament Team (WCH) at South Okanogan Tournament

Win 11/09 – Kent Valley (4) vs. New Westminster (1)  
Win 11/10 – Kent Valley (4) vs. Ridge Meadows (0)  
Win 11/10 – Kent Valley (4) vs. North Vancouver (3)  
Loss 11/11 – Kent Valley (2) vs. Port Alberni (3)

### 11/10-11/12 – Bantam Selects at Port Alberni Bantam "AA" Tournament

Win 11/10 Bantam Selects (5) vs. Surrey B.C. (3)  
Loss 11/10 Bantam Selects (1) vs. Port Alberni (8)  
Win 11/11 Bantam Selects (4) vs. North Island (3)  
Win 11/11 Bantam Selects (4) vs. Saanich (2)  
Loss 11/12 Bronze Medal Game - Bantam Selects (2) vs. Kerry Park (4)

### 11/09-11/12 – U-16 Selects at Abbotsford Midget Rep Tournament

Win 11/09 - U-16 Selects (6) vs. Okanogan Hockey Academy (1)  
Loss 11/10 - U-16 Selects (3) vs. South Delta Storm (9)  
Loss 11/11 - U-16 Selects (6) vs. Abbotsford Hawks (8)  
Loss 11/11 – U-16 Selects (2) vs. Whitehorse (7)

11/10 – Midget Tournament Team (WCH) at Westbank – Westside Midget AAA Tournament

Loss 11/10 – WC Midgets (3) vs. Burnaby (4)

Tie 11/10 – WC Midgets (2) vs. Westside Warriors (2)

Tie 11/11 – WC Midgets (6) vs. Pursuit of Excellence (6)

Tie 11/11 – WC Midgets (5) vs. Penticton Vee's (5)