

It Was a Memorable Weekend for Goalies

Kent WA 7 October, 2009 – T-Bird's Calvin Pickard shuts out Tri-City Americans. Seattle Thunderbird games have lacked excitement early in the season as the Bird's struggle to become the competitive team that everyone desires, players included. However, excitement, suspense and drama were not lacking last Friday night when the T-Birds faced the Tri-City Americans at ShoWare Center. Friday night was "**City of Kent Night**" at ShoWare Center and Mayor Cooke dropped the puck during a short ceremony at center-ice to begin the game. However, by the end of the game Calvin Pickard could have easily out-poled Cooke for Mayor of Kent given his incredible performance. Pickard stopped 25 shots in the first period, 16 shots in the second period and another 16 shots in the final period for a total of 57 shots for the game.

Thirty shots on goal during a game is generally thought of as being an intense game for a goalie, a full workout. But, facing 57 shots is rare, remarkable and amazing; to say nothing of the fact that Pickard stopped all 57 shots to earn what certainly must be the most noteworthy and exciting shutout of his young hockey career.

Pickard's shutout did not come easy. He survived five Tri-City power plays, two in each of the first two periods and one in the final period to preserve his shutout. The Americans stepped up the pressure in the third period as they tried to overcome the power play goal they gave up to the T-Birds in the closing moments of the second period. Sena Acolatse scored that power play goal with an assist from Steve Chaffin. It proved to be the game winner. Way to go Mr. Pickard. Congratulations to you and your teammates for a great show.

Kent Valley's Colby Bennett shuts out SnoKing. Bennett's goaltending performance provided another amazing weekend shutout. Colby Bennett survived several SnoKing power plays including one that found his team outnumbered 5 to 3 for nearly five playing minutes during the third period. Bennett's catching glove was so hot during the second period that he had to ice it down at the period break to keep it from burning his hand. During that period, Bennett snagged several SnoKing slap shots out of the air that had goal marked all over them. He survived several scrums in front of his net that should have produced goals for SnoKing. However, Bennett and his defensemen swatted the shots away like hungry bears swatting bees around a beehive. In the end, Bennett and his teammates got away with all the honey in the SnoKing hive without suffering a single sting. They defeated SnoKing 4 to 0.

KVHA & KVIC Rink Notes:

Photo Day Coming up October 26th – KVHA Photo Day will be Monday October 26th. There is now a link on the front page of the KVHA web page which will take members to the photographer's web site for on-line registration. Check it out; registering on-line will speed up the process on Photo Day.

Team Fundraisers – Kent Valley teams are beginning to undertake fund raising projects. First up is the Bantam Rec Tornados. The team is selling Christmas wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and cedar garlands. Check it out under the Fundraiser tab on www.KentValleyHockey.com and on the Tornados team page. Our Bantam Tier-II Selects will soon be selling some cool Kent Valley T-Shirts. We'll keep you posted.

Rena's Moving – KVHA's Registrar, Rena Sullivan, is moving her desk, files and records to the front office just off the entry to Kent Valley Ice Centre. The logistics of all this are still being worked out. We're not sure how we're going to live without her upstairs; she answers our questions, retrieves files, locates records and generally supports our every move. Rena, what are we going to do without you up here? Anyway, that's where you'll find her if you want to make an ice payment or conduct other KVHA business with her.

KVIC Flood Planning – Along with other businesses in the City of Kent and the greater Kent area, Kent Valley Ice Centre is planning for the anticipated flooding this coming

fall, winter and spring. We are not sure yet exactly what impact, if any, the potential flood waters might have on our facility, but we are planning none the less. The rink was built on almost 3 feet of fill which puts us almost a foot above the 100 year flood plain. So, we should be okay. Les Grauer said: "If we're wrong, we'll become the Kent Valley Swim Centre. Imagine a diving board off the bridge to the café..."

KVHA Auction Update – KVHA's President has signed the contract with Stokes Auction Group. The contract with host Emerald Downs was signed a couple of weeks ago and we've renewed the contract with Auctionpay, Inc. for the auction software. So, I would say we're pretty much committed. The Auction is set for Emerald Downs on Saturday, January 30th, 2010. We'll have more information about the auction for KVHA members and teams in the near future. If you'd like to volunteer, drop an e-mail to [Tammy Haywood](mailto:Tammy.Haywood@kvha.com).

Unofficial PNAHA Tier-II Tiering Results

Below is the unofficial PNAHA Tier-II tiering results as of Tuesday October 6th:

PNAHA PeeWee Tier-II								
Team Name	GP	Win	Loss	Tie	GF	GA	Points	Win %
Spokane (Non League)	7	7	0	0	49	5	14	100%
Kent (League)	7	6	1	0	60	13	12	86%
Seattle Jr. (Non League)	7	4	2	1	31	27	9	57%
Tri-Cities (League)	7	4	3	0	33	28	8	57%
Seattle Jr. (League)	7	3	4	0	32	13	6	43%
SnoKing (League)	7	2	5	0	19	31	4	29%
Whatcom (Non League)	7	1	5	1	16	44	3	14%
Puget Sound (League)	7	0	7	0	3	82	0	0%

PNAHA Bantam Tier-II								
Team Name	GP	Win	Loss	Tie	GF	GA	Points	Win %
SnoKing (Non League)	5	5	0	0	34	3	10	100%
Seattle Jr. (League)	5	3	2	0	14	17	6	60%
Tri-Cities (League)	5	3	2	0	15	17	6	60%
Kent (League)	5	2	3	0	18	16	4	40%
Puget Sound (League)	5	1	4	0	9	30	2	20%
SnoKing (League)	5	1	4	0	6	13	2	20%

PNAHA Midget Tier-II								
Team Name	GP	Win	Loss	Tie	GF	GA	Points	Win %
Spokane (League)	6	5	0	1	21	9	11	83%
SnoKing (League)	5	4	1	0	15	12	8	80%
Puget Sound (League)	5	3	1	1	22	10	7	60%
Whatcom (Non League)	6	2	4	0	21	19	4	33%
Kent (League)	5	1	4	0	11	16	2	20%
Spokane (Non League)	5	0	5	0	6	30	0	0%

[Click here](#) for the official PNAHA Tiering Results and Scoring Statistics.

Peewee Tier-II Selects Continue Strong Play as Tiering Games Conclude

Story contributed by Sue & Randy Peacock

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 4 October, 2009 – This past weekend had the Kent Peewee Selects going 2 and 1 to conclude the Tiering games for the PNAHA region. The team’s overall standing is 2nd place with a 6-1 record. The Selects have shown themselves to be an offensive force with 5 team members being listed in the 10 ten scorers at the conclusion of the tiering games. Christian Cinderella currently shares the league lead for goals scored – nice work Christian. This offense combined with an effective defense makes this a powerful Tier II team. Game summaries follow:

Spokane Jr. Chiefs (3) at Kent Valley Selects (1): Spokane’s team is known for their strong physical play and they stuck to their game plan as the teams battled Saturday morning. The 1st two periods were dominated by defense as only 2 goals were scored - both by Spokane. The 3rd period started with a 3rd goal for Spokane which was countered by Kent with a goal from Jake Best. Spokane logged 10 penalty minutes during the game to Kent’s 6. Kent’s Austin Phelps turned away 20 of 23 shots on goal while Spokane’s Tanner Loucks saved 10 of 11 shots.

Tri-Cities Americans (3) at Kent Valley Selects (9): The Selects’ offense came back to life in this evening game. The 1st period saw 3 unanswered goals for Kent. Things slowed a bit in the 2nd period as Kent registered just 1 goal and Tri-Cities got on the board with 2 of their own. Kent took over in the 3rd period scoring 5 goals against Tri-Cities’ 1. It should be noted that 6 different players for Kent contributed goals during this game showing the depth of their offense. Christian Cinderella was the one player scoring multiple goals for Kent – nice hat trick! Kent’s dominant defense allowed Tri-Cities to attempt only 7 shots on goal during the game. Kent’s Aaron Mathews turned away 4 of them. Tri-Cities’ Broderick Parker managed 17 saves in 26 shots.

Seattle Jr. Admirals (2) at Kent Valley Selects (9): The Selects continued their offensive and defensive domination Sunday running over the young Seattle Jr. combined ‘98 team. Kent began by scoring early and scoring fast with 5 goals registered in the 1st period. The 2nd period saw SJ get on the board while Kent added 2 more goals. The 3rd period was more of the same: 1 goal for SJ and 2 for Kent. The 2 final goals of the game came from Jake Best. Combined with his goal in the 1st period and Jake registered the 2nd hat trick of his young career (1st one came last weekend!). Nice work, Jake. Kent’s Aaron Mathews had a strong outing turning away 23 of 25 shots on goal while SJ’s Bryson Cole stopped 18 of 27.

The Selects were short 2 players for game 3 due to illness and a game suspension. As a result, Patrick Dunphy did some double shifting playing both defense and offense. Patty was recently chosen as captain of the team by his teammates and for good reason; he is an incredible talent. Way to go Captain Patty!

Scoring summaries for the three games are below:

#1 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (1) vs. Spokane Jr. Chiefs (3)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Spokane	1	1:58	Moyer from Malone
Spokane	2	9:59	Chamberlan from Moyer
Spokane	3	13:51	Moyer from Smelk & Kelly
Kent Valley	3	5:04	Jake Best from Ryan Nguyen & Ryan Peacock

Kent Valley’s Austin Phelps stopped 20 of 23 shots on goal for 87%.

Spokane’s Loucks stopped 12 of 13 shots on goal for 92%.

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

#2 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (9) vs. Tri-City Jr. Americans (3)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	12:43	Ryan Nguyen (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	10:26	Christian Cinderella from Ryan Nguyen and Jake Best
Kent Valley	1	3:13	Patrick Dunphy (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	13:24	Anton Nikitin from Ryan Peacock & Lydia Grauer (Power Play)
Tri-City	2	9:33	Jacob Loman from Kolby Killoy
Tri-City	2	5:54	Mario Midill from Jacob Loman
Tri-City	3	13:27	Jacob Loman from Jason Hambelton
Kent Valley	3	8:39	Alec Johnson from Jeremy Carlson
Kent Valley	3	6:41	Zachery Houck from Anton Nikitin
Kent Valley	3	2:51	Christian Cinderella Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	3	1:28	Nick Pizzey from Alec Johnson
Kent Valley	3	0:54	Christian Cinderella (Unassisted Power Play)

Goalies were not shown on the score sheet.

Kent Valley had 26 shots on goal while Tri-City had 7 shots on goal.

Kent Valley had 1 minor penalty, 1 major and 1 game misconduct penalties for a total of 17 minutes while Tri-City had 3 penalties for 6 minutes

#3 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (9) vs. Seattle Jr. Admirals (2)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	13:04	Zachery Houck from Anton Nikitin & Alec Johnson
Kent Valley	1	11:01	Patrick Dunphy from Nick Pizzey & Jeremy Carlson
Kent Valley	1	5:31	Christian Cinderella from Lydia Grauer
Kent Valley	1	4:11	Nick Pizzey from Alec Johnson
Kent Valley	1	0:54	Jake Best from Christian Cinderella & Noah Persson
Kent Valley	2	11:31	Patrick Dunphy from Anton Nikitin
Seattle Jr.	2	9:55	Connor Nobach (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	9:15	Christian Cinderella from Zachery Houck & Lydia Grauer
Seattle Jr.	3	10:07	Tom Ignatovich from Brendan Weir
Kent Valley	3	8:32	Jake Best from Lydia Grauer & Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	3	4:55	Jake Best (Hat Trick) from Patrick Dunphy & Paul Gicewicz

Kent Valley's Aaron Mathews stopped 23 of 25 shots on goal for 92%.

Seattle Jr's Bryson Cole stopped 18 of 27 shots on goal for 67%.

Kent Valley had 3 penalties for 6 minutes while Seattle Jr. had 1 penalty for 2 minutes.

Bantam Tier-II Selects Fall to Seattle Junior Bantam "AA" 2 to 6

Lynnwood Ice Arena, Lynnwood, WA 1 October, 2009 – A Thursday evening PNAHA tiering game in the far north (Lynnwood) was no picnic for the Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects. A strong Seattle Jr. Bantam "AA" team scored 2 goals in each period to defeat the Kent Valley Selects 6 to 2.

Seattle Jr's Angus Ables surprised the Selects in the first period with an unassisted and short handed goal. Kent Valley's Tyler Jennings retaliated 24 seconds later with an unassisted goal of his own. That was about as even as the game ever was. Seattle Jr. went on to score four straight goals before Kent Valley's Caleb Bromley teamed up with Jarid Rivers and Ryan Zukowski to score the Select's second and final goal of the game. Seattle

Jr's Casey Jones added a sixth goal for good measure in the closing seconds of the third period to cap the win for Seattle Jr.

Player of the game honors for the Seattle Jr. Bantam "AA" has to go former Kent Valley player Angus Ables for scoring a Hat Trick, with a goal in each of the three periods. Obviously, it was Kent Valley's strong focus on player development during Ables' tenure as a Kent Valley member that contributed to his success Thursday night. Nice "Hat Trick" Angus!

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Seattle Jr.	1	5:58	Angus Ables (Unassisted & Short Handed)
Kent Valley	1	5:34	Tyler Jennings (Unassisted)
Seattle Jr.	1	3:32	Christian Linder from Joe Carey & Brandon Cole (Power Play)
Seattle Jr.	2	9:26	Angus Ables from Blake Carscadden & Brandon Cole
Seattle Jr.	2	4:31	Brandon Cole from Casey Jones
Seattle Jr.	3	13:59	Angus Ables (Hat Trick) from Glenn Laughlin
Kent Valley	3	11:33	Caleb Bromley from Jarid Rivers & Ryan Zukowski
Seattle Jr.	3	0:47	Casey Jones from Brandon Cole

Kent Valley's Jacob Panzer stopped 25 of 31 shots on goal for a save rate of 81%.
 Seattle Jr's Phillip Kutzniatsou stopped 22 of 24 shots on goal for a save rate of 92%.
 Kent Valley had 4 penalties for 8 minutes while Seattle Jr. had 3 penalties for 6 minutes.

Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects Skunk SnoKing 4 to 0

Kingsgate Ice Arena, Kirkland, WA 3 October, 2009 – The Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects challenged the SnoKing Bantam Tier-II on Saturday at Kingsgate Ice Arena and the Selects shut out the SnoKing Bantams 4 to 0. First period was pretty much an even game all around with neither team managing a score. Kent Valley had 6 shots on goal while SnoKing nearly matched Kent Valley with 5 shots. SnoKing won the penalty battle in the first period getting 5 power play opportunities to the Selects 3 power plays. None resulted in goals.

Kent Valley's Colby Bennett had an excellent second period (see **Kent Valley's Colby Bennett shuts out SnoKing** on page 1.) In fact, as the story indicates, Bennett had an excellent game. Way to go Colby!

Penalties provided challenges for both teams and even the Kent Valley bench. Kent Valley's Coach Bennett was tossed in the third period for "abuse of officials." With coaches out serving game misconduct penalties and players out with injuries, the remaining coaches and players should be able to fit into one vehicle for the next road trip.

An issue with the scoring clock and with tracking delayed penalties at the scorer's bench gave the Selects a needed rest during an intense SnoKing power play stretch of the third period. The Selects defense was hurting and the delay in the game gave Kent Valley an opportunity to keep their healthiest players on the ice to defend the SnoKing power play. The rest worked out well for the Selects as they survived the long power play and preserved Bennett's shutout. Colby Bennett should have hugged the scorekeeper following the game.

Congratulations to the Selects for a very exciting and entertaining game.

A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	2	1:09	Jason Smith (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	9:01	Michael Julin from Ryan Zukowski (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	1:14	Jarid Rivers from Jacob Becker
Kent Valley	3	11:32	Tyler Jennings from Michael Julin

Kent Valley's Colby Bennett stopped 13 of 13 shots on goal to earn the shutout. SnoKing's Ty Anderton stopped 19 of 23 shots on goal for an 83% save rate. Kent Valley had 11 minor penalties and 1 major penalty for 32 minutes while SnoKing had 14 minor penalties for 28 minutes.

Midget Tier-II Selects (2) SnoKing Tier-II (4)

Kingsgate Ice Arena, Kirkland, WA 3 October, 2009 – The KVHA Midget Tier-II Selects improved their penalty minutes and only gave up one Power Play goal in their loss to SnoKing. However, the pattern of penalty minutes, 5 penalties for 10 minutes in the final period, continues to indicate the team's frustration and lack of control when their opposition is leading in the last half of the game. That said however, 8 penalties is a substantial improvement over prior games. Way to go boys!

The Selects were missing five players for this game. Nik Toor, Aaron Turpin, and Danny Hosmer had school commitments and Ryan Kaluza and Jason Bartlett were serving game misconduct suspensions. Kyle Miller-Smith and Taylor Birkeland were called up from the Kent Valley Midget Tornadoes to fortify the Selects roster for this game. Birkeland led off the scoring in the first period with a goal assisted by Steven Meginnes. Mikey Anderson scored an unassisted goal in the second period to give his team a momentary one-goal lead which faded to a tie less than a minute later.

Kent Valley's Dimitri Nikitin was busy in goal as he turned away 29 of 33 shots on goal. A scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	7:08	Taylor Birkeland from Steven Meginnes
SnoKing	1	3:34	Cody Stanbey from Keenan Ural & Alex Ivanov
Kent Valley	2	10:02	Mikey Anderson (Unassisted)
SnoKing	2	9:16	Anthony Morevec from Chris Whitmore
SnoKing	2	3:29	Chris Whitmore from Matt Brubacher & Kyle Neal
SnoKing	3	2:30	Anthony Morevec from Matt Brubacher (Power Play)

Kent Valley's Dimitri Nikitin stopped 29 of 33 shots on goal for 88%. SnoKing's Justin Norgren stopped 16 of 18 shots on goal for 89%. Kent Valley had 8 minor penalties for 16 minutes while SnoKing had 4 minor penalties for 8 minutes.

T-Birds Corner

What an exciting night at the ShoWare Center on Friday night! Thunderbirds goalie Calvin Pickard stopped all 57 shots he saw to lead the Thunderbirds to a 1-0 victory over the Tri-City Americans. Pickard stopped 25 shots in the first period, 16 shots in the second period, and 16 shots in the third period. **"My eyes were following the puck pretty well tonight, and when that happens things are going to go well,"** Pickard told T-Birds play-by-play voice Thom Beuning in a post game interview.

The game's lone goal was on the power play with just one second remaining in the second period when defenseman Steve Chaffin, in an attempt to beat the buzzer, fired a shot from the blue line. Right wing Sena Acolatse was in front of Tri-City goalie Drew Owsley and deflected Chaffin's shot into the right corner of the net.

Seattle travels to Spokane to take on the Chiefs Saturday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The Birds return home on Sunday, October 11, to face the Americans at 5:05 p.m. at ShoWare Center.

Sunday's game is a "Kent Reporter Family 4-pack Night"! Get 4 tickets, 4 hot dogs and 4 soft drinks for just \$48! So grab a copy of the Kent Reporter to get your coupon or go to www.seattlethunderbirds.com to print out a coupon and bring to the ShoWare Center box

office to redeem. This is a great chance for teams and hockey families to enjoy an exciting night of T-Birds hockey at a fantastic value.

Also, I have not heard from many **Kent Valley teams** that would like to play either between periods of a game or before a T-Birds game... please let me know if your team would like to play at "the ShoW" so we can be sure to have a date that will work into your hockey schedule.

"Let's Go Birds!"

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NEXT T-BIRDS HOME GAMES!

Friday, October 2 vs. Tri City Americans @ 7:35

(Pub Night and City of Kent Night)

Sunday, October 11 vs. Tri City Americans @ 5:05

Tuesday, October 13 vs. Prince Albert Raiders @ 7:05

("2-for-Tuesday" - 2 for 1 Tickets, \$2 beer, \$2 pop, \$2 pop corn and \$2 hot dogs)

Have a great week!

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