

Three Kent Valley Bantams Attend 5th Annual WHL Prospects Camp in Anaheim, California

Anaheim Ice facility, Anaheim, California 11 April, 2010 - The Western Hockey League hosted its fifth annual WHL U.S. Prospects Camp in Anaheim, California at the Anaheim Ice facility from April 9-11, 2010. Three players from Kent Valley Bantam Tier 1 accepted invitations to this prospect camp. They are Colton Bohonos, Damon Hanson and Dane Dahline. This is a prospect camp put on annually for American players by the WHL.

All three Kent players were assigned to the same team ("Blue team") for the round robin showcase. Their team took the gold going undefeated against the three other teams of WHL prospects. Damon Hanson was awarded most valuable player for the Blue team, with 5 goals and 1 assist in the 3-game competition, including a hat trick in the first game. WHL representatives were impressed overall with the performance put on by the Washington players at this camp.

The WHL U.S. Prospects Camp provides a unique opportunity for U.S. born hockey players to participate with other top ranked 1995 born players in the only evaluation camp conducted by the Western Hockey League in southern California this season. The WHL is the largest Major Junior Hockey League in North America and is a leading supplier of player talent to the National Hockey League. Virtually all of the WHL 22 Member Clubs had scouts in attendance to evaluate player's ability to play in one of the world's finest development League for junior aged players.

"The WHL U.S. Prospects Camp provides our WHL Clubs the opportunity to evaluate top prospects from the Western United States who are eligible for this year's WHL Bantam Draft," commented WHL Commissioner Ron Robison, "More U.S. players each year are playing in the WHL and it is important we give these young prospects every opportunity to learn more about the benefits of playing in the Western Hockey League."

The WHL U.S. Prospects Camp is open only to U.S. Residents born in 1995, who live in the Western United States (all U.S. States west of the Mississippi River and Alaska).

WHL Head Coaches Bruno Campese (Prince Albert Raiders), Dean Clark (Prince George Cougars), Mark Holick (Kootenay Ice) and Rich Preston (Lethbridge Hurricanes) each coached one of the four teams throughout the weekend camp. Current USA-born WHL players Tyler Maxwell (Manhattan Beach, CA/Everett Silvertips), Colin Redden (Corona Del Mar, CA/Prince Albert Raiders), Parker Stanfield (Orange County, CA/Prince George Cougars) and CJ Stretch (Irvine, CA/Kamloops Blazers) were also in Anaheim throughout the camp assisting the head coaches with their respective teams. WHL Commissioner Ron Robison attended the camp on Friday and Saturday.

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