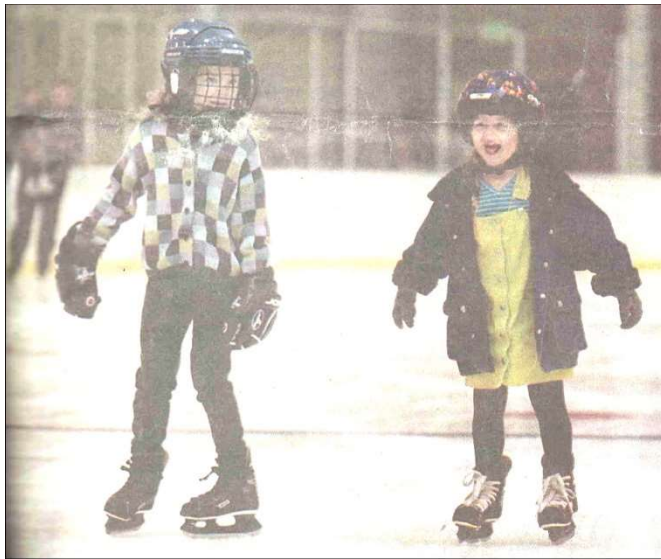


KVHA News – Happy 15th Birthday to Kent Valley Ice Centre

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA., Friday, December 16, 2016 – There were no trumpets blaring, no marching bands, no canons being fired and no visits from honored dignitaries. Kent Valley Ice Centre’s 15th Anniversary passed quietly and without fanfare on Sunday, December 11th. Many of us, me included, recalled the excitement of those first few months of the new ice facility in 2001. For my family, the convenience of an ice rink in Kent was a big plus. Our family spent years commuting from Kent to hockey practices at ice rinks in Bellevue, Kirkland and north Seattle and now, here it was in our own backyard.



Opening day at Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC) brought out a lot of ice skating talent, including the two smiling faces in this featured photo. Melanie Doner, left, age 6 at the time and cousin Lydia Grauer, right, age 4, enjoyed their first skate on the new ice. Melanie went on to play for the Connecticut Polar Bears U19 team and wrapped up her hockey career at Wisconsin-River Falls D-III women’s hockey program. Lydia went on to play for the Lady Ducks in Anaheim, California, and is now with the St. Lawrence University Saints D-I women’s hockey program in Canton, New York. The St. Lawrence University Saints are currently ranked 4th in the nation.

The “Great Recession” that followed the crash of the banking industry in 2008 caused stress for Kent Valley Ice Centre, and business in general, for several years. Kent Valley Ice Centre was not immune to the downturn. However, Kent Valley Ice Centre survived that brutal economic period and is alive and well today. In fact, the future looks very bright!

Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) has registered over 1,000 boys and girls as hockey players over the last 15 years. Current enrollment is right around 200, about average for the last few years. Of the current enrollment, the average player has been with KVHA for 8.5 seasons, an indication of strong customer loyalty.

Happy 15th Anniversary to Kent Valley Ice Centre!

Weekend Scoreboard – December 9, 10 & 11

Kent Valley’s teams played some MHL League games, as well as some exhibition and tournament games over the past weekend. The MHL league schedules are coming together and teams are preparing for the second half of the season. Below are the game scores:

Games Played December 9, 10 & 11					
Date	W/L	KVHA Team Name	vs.	Opponent Team Name	

Flathead Valley Squirt Jamboree						
12/09	Win	KVHA 10U "B" Storm	2	vs.	Chestermere 10U White	1
12/10	Loss	KVHA 10U "B" Storm	1	vs.	Fernie 10U "A" Ghostriders	10
12/10	Win	KVHA 10U "B" Storm	15	vs.	Flathead Valley 10U	0
12/11	Win	KVHA 10U "B" Storm	7	vs.	Castlegar 10U #1	1
Winthrop Bantam Great Outdoors Tournament						
12/09	Win	KVHA 14U Tornadoes	11	vs.	Spokane 14U	0
12/10	Loss	KVHA 14U Tornadoes	1	vs.	Wenatchee 14U	4
12/10	Win	KVHA 14U Tornadoes	3	vs.	SnoKing 14U	2
12/11	Win	KVHA 14U Tornadoes	1	vs.	Seattle Jr. 14U	0
12/10	Tie	KVHA 18U Hurricanes	2	vs.	SnoKing 18U Cheney	2
12/11	Win	KVHA 18U Tornadoes	4	vs.	SnoKing 18U Cain	0

Kent Valley Squirt 10U "B" Storm go 3 & 1 at Flathead Valley Squirt Jamboree

Woodland Ice Center, Kalispell, Montana, Sunday December 11, 2016 – Kent Valley's Squirt "B" Storm blew into Flathead Valley Friday afternoon for game #1 with the Chestermere 10U White and came away with a 2 to 1 win. Saturday morning's game #2 didn't go quite as well as expected as the Fernie 10U "A" Ghostriders defeated Storm 10 to 1. Game #3 Saturday evening was played under the lights of the Woodland Ice Center's outdoor rink and the Kent Valley Storm thundered over the Flathead Valley U10 15 to 0 for their second win of the tournament. The final game of the tournament was played mid-day Sunday against Castlegar's 10U team for third place. Storm came away with a 7 to 1 win.

Coach Keith Espirito said, "We had a good outing in Montana. Parents and kids had lots of fun skating on the outdoor arena and pond. We plan on heading back again next year. We went 3-1 and took 3rd place. It was a good effort from the kids..." Way to go Storm!

Zach Mertel Scores 4 Goals as Kent Valley PeeWee 12U Hurricanes Shutdown Tacoma 12U Rockets 6 to 0

Sprinker Ice Arena, Spanaway, WA. December 10, 2016 – Zach Mertel led his Kent Valley Hurricanes to a solid victory over the Tacoma Rockets Saturday at Sprinker Ice Arena, scoring 4 goals and assisting on another for a total of 5 points. Mertel scored a natural Hat Trick (3 consecutive goals all in one period) in period one and scored his fourth goal near the end of the second period. The Hurricanes' other two goals were scored by Xander Logan and Caleb Perry, both in the second period. The Hurricanes outshot the Rockets 29 to 11. Goalie Mason Hainsworth earned a shutout on 11 saves. Way to go Hurricanes. Below is the individual scoring for the Hurricanes:

- #6 – Zach Mertel – 4 goals & 1 assist
- #10 – Nick Cyr – 1 assist
- #11 – Xander Logan – 1 goal
- #12 – Jonas Nelson – 1 assist
- #14 – Caleb Perry – 1 goal

Kent Valley PeeWee 12U Tornadoes (4) vs. SnoKing 12U York (2)

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. December 10, 2016 – Kent Valley's Dario Gomez-Ogawa led off the Tornadoes' scoring with his unassisted goal just 2:51 into the game. Easton Wagner followed with a goal 12 minutes later to give the Tornadoes a 2 to 0 lead at the end of the first period. G'Bari Mayers scored the first of his two goals at 1:53 of the second period to bump his team's lead to 3 to 0. Tacoma's Jacob Slobodin scored the Rockets first goal of the game just over 30 seconds later to cut the Tornadoes lead back to two. Slobodin scored in the opening seconds of the third to cut the Tornadoes lead to one goal. The two teams skated over eleven minutes without either team scoring until G'Bkari Mayers found the back of the Tacoma net off a pass from Logan Fisher to make it a 4 to 2 win for the Tornadoes. Kent Valley outshot Tacoma 22 to 8. Penalties were even at 1 minor each. Below is the individual scoring summary for the Tornadoes:

- #10 – Easton Wagner – 1 goal
- #11 – Dario Gomez-Ogawa – 1 goal
- #19 – G'Bari Mayers – 2 goals
- #24 – Logan Fisher – 1 assist

Kent Valley Bantam 14U Tornadoes Win 3 and Lose 1 at Winthrop Great Outdoors Tournament

Winthrop Ice and Sports Rink, Winthrop, WA. December 11, 2016 – The Kent Valley Bantam 14U Tornadoes travelled across a couple of snow-covered Cascade passes to participate in the Winthrop Great Outdoors Bantam Tournament over the weekend. The Tornadoes enjoyed skating at the new outdoor Winthrop Ice and Sports Rink. They defeated the Spokane Bantams 11 to 0 in game 1, fell 4 to 0 to the Wenatchee Bantams, snuck by the SnoKing Bantams 2 to 3 and captured third place with a 1 to 0 victory over a Seattle Jr. Bantam team. Individual scoring was not available since score sheets were not provided.

Kent Valley Midget 18U Hurricanes Tie SnoKing Midget 18U Cheney 2 to 2

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. December 10, 2016 – Kent Valley's Midget 16U Hurricanes scored early in the first period with a goal from Kemper Terry and an assist from Austin Grote. SnoKing tied the game in closing seconds of the first period and took a one goal lead with 4:48 remaining in the second period. Kent Valley's Lane Eriks tied the game at 2-all just 2 minutes later. Eriks was assisted by Kemper Terry. The 2-2 tie held through the third period to the final buzzer. Kent Valley outshot SnoKing 30 to 20. Below is the individual scoring summary for the Hurricanes:

- #9 – Austin Grote – 1 assist
- #13 – Lane Eriks – 1 goal
- #16 – Kemper Terry – 1 goal & 1 assist

Kent Valley Midget 18U Tornadoes Shutout SnoKing Midget 18U Cain 4 to 0

SnoKing Ice Arena, Renton, WA. December 11, 2016 – The Kent Valley Midget 18U Tornadoes raged onto SnoKing ice in Renton Sunday and shutout SnoKing Midget 18U Cain 4 to 0. The Tornadoes began their assault against SnoKing with a goal from Camden Ward mid-way through the first period. Ward was assisted by Jack Hanscom. Hanscom scored a goal of his own just five minutes later to give the Tornadoes a 2 to 0 lead. The Tornadoes continued their scoring attack by taking advantage of a penalty shot opportunity early in the third period. Mac Barger was awarded a penalty shot with 10:02 remaining to play and beat the SnoKing goaltender to make it 3 to 0. Kacie McLaughlin scored an insurance goal

with 7:52 remaining to play to make it a 4 to 0 game. McLaughlin was assisted by Carlie Randall. Kent Valley carried the 4 to 0 lead to the final buzzer.

SnoKing outshot Kent Valley 21 to 20. Kent Valley's goaltender Tyler Roberts earned the shutout. Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes while SnoKing had 4 minor for 8 minutes, including the Penalty Shot. Below is the individual scoring for the Tornados:

- #11 - Carley Randall - 1 assist
- #15 - Camden Ward - 1 goal
- #18 - Jack Hanscom - 1 goal & 1 assist
- #22 - Kacie McLaughlin - 1 goal
- #27 - Mac Barger - 1 goal (Penalty Shot)

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