

# ***Kent Valley Players Selected to Attend USA Hockey Player Development Camps***

Kent, WA June 19, 2008 - Each summer USA Hockey conducts Select Player Development Camps for young athletes from throughout the country. The athletes are chosen from tryouts conducted within USA Hockey Districts. The goal is to attract the best players, in their specific age group, to USA Hockey's national program.

Kent Valley's Ryan Doner is headed to Rochester, N.Y. for USA Hockey's Select 16 Camp June 21st through 27th. He will be joined by former teammate Tyler Parker who played the majority of the season with the Kent Valley U-16 "AAA" team. They and 18 other players from Alaska, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington will represent USA Hockey's West Coast District at the National Camp. Doner and Parker qualified for the National Player Development program at the District Selects Camp held at Kent Valley Ice Centre in early May.

Later this summer, 14-year-old Molly Doner will attend USA Hockey's Girl's Select 14 Camp in Rochester N.Y. Molly played on Kent Valley's Bantam Tier-I team during the 2007-2008 season. She is one of only seven female players from the West Coast selected to attend the July 19th to 25th Camp. Molly qualified for the National Camp during the Girl's District Selects Camp at Olympic View Ice Arena in Edmonds during mid-May.

The purpose of the Camps is to identify, train, educate and evaluate the USA's best athletes. Individuals are selected by Districts to attend the week-long event. During this week, players are evaluated by USA Hockey's national scouting program, college and junior recruiters and professional scouts. The competition gives each player the opportunity to measure themselves against others his/her age, gain knowledge about his/her development and to be exposed to outstanding coaching. At times, teams will be chosen from certain Camps for international competition. This year a team will be chosen from each of the Select 16 Camp, Select 17 Camp and several of the Girls' Select Camps for international competition.

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