

2011 NPSHL – Mites Tournament Summary



Game for Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012

Tournament Game #1

KVHA Tornadoes	1
SJHA Blades	6

Score by Period

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3	
KVHA Tornadoes	0	KVHA Tornadoes	0	KVHA Tornadoes	1
SJHA Blades	2	SJHA Blades	2	SJHA Blades	6

Highlights – Overall and by Period

Overall

Coach Rob Herring took his KVHA Mite Tornadoes team to Kingsgate Ice Arena Saturday, January 14th, for their first tournament game of the season to face-off against the Seattle Jr. Blades. Herring and his team sadly came away with their first loss of the holiday weekend tournament after a persistent attack by the Seattle Jr. Blades. Even with the loss, it is evident that the weekly practices continue to help the Tornadoes improve their defensive skills and positional play.

Period 1

The 1st period was highlighted with a zealous battle for possession. Throughout the period, it was evident that the players were working well together getting into position and vying for the puck. Unfortunately, the Blades came out ahead scoring two goals during the period – the latter one on a Tornado penalty for tripping.

Period 2

In the 2nd period, both teams had a difficult time fighting for possession of the puck. Consequently, it was a scoreless period. The Tornado players showed great progressive growth with their strong defensive skills and puck handling.

Period 3

The passionate battle for possession came to a culminating end in the 3rd period. While the Tornadoes tried to collect themselves, they just couldn't muster enough of a rally against the tough Seattle Jr. Blades team. Therefore, the Seattle Jr. Blades unfortunately came out ahead by increasing their lead as the period closed. The only goal scored for the Tornadoes during this period came at 7:28 on clock by Sean Smith(#8) with an assist by Aidan Herring(#14) & Jake Ferguson(#6). Way to go, Sean!

Summary

Ultimately, the KVHA Mite Tornadoes lost to a strong Seattle Jr. Blades team in tournament play on Saturday. The Seattle Jr. Blades defeated the Tornadoes by a final score of 6 to 1. Goalie Quinton Gessner(#10) had a solid performance saving 10 out of 15 shots for a 67% save rate. Great job, QT! At the end of the game, Jake Ferguson(#6) was awarded MVP of the game. Hopefully as the tournament play continues, we will continue to see continued improvement in the Tornadoes skills. Next up, the Tornadoes face a Canadian team later in the day for their second tournament game at Kingsgate. Good luck, Tornadoes!

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Tournament Game #2

Vancouver Tbirds Falcons	11
KVHA Tornadoes	2

Score by Period

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3	
Vancouver Tbirds Falcons	3	Vancouver Tbirds Falcons	2	Vancouver Tbirds Falcons	11
KVHA Tornadoes	0	KVHA Tornadoes	1	KVHA Tornadoes	2

Highlights – Overall and by Period

Overall

During this MLK holiday weekend, the KVHA Mite Tornadoes were hoping to be just as inspired as Martin Luther King himself in his “I Have A Dream” speech, as they faced their first match-up against a Canadian team. On Saturday, January 14th, the KVHA Mite Tornadoes went up against the Vancouver Thunderbirds (H4 C6) Falcons in tournament play at Kingsgate but the inspiration wasn’t what they expected. Instead, the Tornadoes faced an extremely inspired team who travel quite a distance to compete. With a relentless attack and a physically powerful team, the Falcons flew in and outscored the Tornadoes to take the eventual win.

Period 1

In hopes that being the home team would be an advantage, the KVHA Tornadoes went toe-to-toe during the 1st period against a strong Tbirds Falcons team. However, right after the first puck dropped, both teams suffered penalties for roughing. Unfortunately, the Falcons domination took precedence and they scored two quick goals in succession. After a heated battle for possession continued, the Falcons scored one more goal to close out the period and add to their lead.

Period 2

As the 2nd period opened, the Tornadoes had a difficult time fighting for possession of the puck and the Falcons took advantage. Consequently, the Falcons quickly extended their lead with two more goals to add to their score. Undeterred with this deficit, the Tornadoes collected themselves and got to work. At 5:50 on clock, Sean Smith(#8) scored his second goal of the tournament with an assist by Jake Ferguson(#6) & Ripken Renner(#4). Great team work boys!

Period 3

The fervent battle for the puck continued well into the 3rd period. However, it was more of a lopsided affair. While the Tornadoes showed their strong wills to succeed, they just couldn’t get a robust enough rally going against the Tbirds Falcons team. The only goal scored for the Tornadoes during this period came from Caleb Chaloner(#3). Great offensive shot Caleb! In the end, the Tornadoes were unable to muster enough strength to even the score and the Tbirds Falcons came out ahead by increasing their lead as the period closed.

Summary

Even with the few goals scored by the Tornadoes, they regrettably lost the tough battle on the ice. However, this game was unique in that our sole scorers of the game were cousins. Way to keep it in the family, Sean and Caleb! In the end, the KVHA Mite Tornadoes lost to a resilient Canadian team in tournament play on Saturday. The Tbirds Falcons defeated the Tornadoes by a final score of 11 to 2. At the end of the game, Sean Smith(#8) was awarded MVP of the game. A lot can be said about the positive growth and developmental maturity seen in the Tornado players so far this season. Hopefully their next tournament game on Sunday at Kingsgate will provide a different outcome! Good luck, Tornadoes!

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Game for Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012

Tournament Game #3

KVHA Tornadoes	7
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue	4

Score by Period

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3	
KVHA Tornadoes	1	KVHA Tornadoes	3	KVHA Tornadoes	7
SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue	2	SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue	4	SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue	4

Highlights – Overall and by Period

Overall

The pressure was “on” as the KVHA Mite Tornadoes readied to take on the SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue for their first night game of the MLK tournament on Sunday, January, 15th at Kingsgate. With a two-game tourney deficit, the Tornadoes were eager to get the “W” and motivated to prevent an o-dark-early game the following day! With that in mind, the Tornadoes rallied with a relentless attack and outscored the SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue to take the eventual win. Way to go, Tornadoes!

Period 1

As the Tornadoes took to the ice, there was something drastically different in the air during this evening match-up. It was one with a fierce competitiveness and intensity that was almost palatable and not commonly seen in previous matches. The close match-up between the two teams was evident. The SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue struck first against the Tornadoes with the early goal at 12:22 of the first period. In response, Caleb Chaloner(#3) scored to tie it up with an assist by Luke Pizzey(#9). As the period closed, the SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue scored again to regain the lead.

Period 2

As the 2nd period opened, the Tornadoes wouldn't let the one goal deficit deter them and quickly got back to work with Sean Smith(#8) scoring with an assist by Jake Ferguson(#6) to tie the game once again. The struggle continued for possession of the puck. Unfortunately, the SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue came out ahead and netted two more goals, making the score 4 to 2. Undeterred, Sean Smith(#8) initiated a comeback by scoring a goal as the period closed.

Period 3

The electrifying battle continued well into the 3rd period as the Tornadoes countered an attack. However, it was more of a lopsided affair as the Tornadoes mounted an attack to own the period with successive goals scored. Their strong defensive skills combined with their intense offensive assault allowed them to score 4 more unanswered goals during the period. The assault started at 7:02 on clock, when Ripken Renner(#4) scored his first goal of the season to tie up the game! Awesome shot, Ripken! The attack continued with Sean Smith(#8) who led the Tornadoes scoring with his second “Hat Trick” of the season by scoring two goals in the 2nd period and adding one more in the 3rd period to complete it. Great offensive performance, Sean! The final 2 goals of the onslaught were by Luke Pizzey(#9), with one of them being assisted by Aidan Herring(#14). Outstanding teamwork, boys!

Summary

In the end, the exciting outcome of this game favored the Kent Valley Mite Tornadoes who won a thrilling one against the SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Blue in tournament play Sunday. In fact, the score was tied three times during the game! The Tornadoes defeated the Tbirds Blue by a final score of 7 to 4. The Tbirds Blue fired 9 shots on the Tornadoes goal while the Tornadoes put an impressive 24 shots on the Tbirds Blues' net. Tornadoes goalie Maxwell Mudge(#15) stopped 5 of 9 Blues' shots - a respectable 56% save rate. At the end of the game, Luke Pizzey(#9) was awarded MVP of the game. Congratulations to both teams on a very exciting and entertaining game! Hopefully their next tournament game on Monday at Kingsgate against the TJHA Tomahawks will keep them on this great path of success! Good luck, Tornadoes!

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Game for Monday, Jan. 16, 2012

Tournament Game #4

TJHA Tomahawks	2
KVHA Tornadoes	4

Score by Period

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3	
TJHA Tomahawks	2	TJHA Tomahawks	2	TJHA Tomahawks	2
KVHA Tornadoes	0	KVHA Tornadoes	3	KVHA Tornadoes	4

Highlights – Overall and by Period

Overall

The KVHA Mite Tornadoes were hoping to capitalize on the previous game's winning performance with another outstanding and competitive game. Well, this game didn't disappoint. On Monday, January 16th, the KVHA Mite Tornadoes went up against the TJHA Tomahawks at Kingsgate for their final game of the tournament. Both teams were evenly matched but it was the Tornadoes who would take the eventual win.

Period 1

The Tomahawks struck first against the Tornadoes with the early goal at 7:57 of the first period. The Tomahawks continued their assault against the Tornadoes applying pressure at every turn. After a heated battle for possession, the Tomahawks scored one more goal to close out the period and add to their lead.

Period 2

The Tornadoes churned up a mighty wind in the 2nd period as they got things moving. Sean Smith(#8) led off the scoring with a goal at 14:05 assisted by Justin Freeman(#5). Goal number two came at 3:48. It was scored by Jake Ferguson(#6) with an assist by Sean Smith(#8). Quinton Gessner(#10) got the go-ahead goal three minutes later when he scored on Tomahawks goalie Joe Bullock as the period closed. Luke Pizzey(#9) got the assist. Awesome momentum boys!

Period 3

The hard fought battle on the ice came to a climatic end in the 3rd period with the final goal of the game being scored with 1:28 left on clock. The exclamation point was delivered by Sean Smith(#8) with an assist by Aidan Herring(#14) on a Tomahawks' empty net. In the end, the Tomahawks were unable to muster enough strength to even the score and the Tornadoes came out ahead by increasing their lead as the period closed.

Summary

At the end of the day, the Tornadoes won a tough battle on the ice. The Tornadoes defeated the Tomahawks by a final score of 4 to 2. The Tomahawks peppered goalie Maxwell Mudge(#15) with 21 shots while Mudge's teammates managed 18 shots on the Tomahawks' net. Mudge made an outstanding effort to fend off 90% of the shots. After the game, KVHA Goalie Mudge got "high fives" for his exceptional performance over three periods on the competition. Excellent defense, Max! At the end of the game, Maxwell Mudge(#15) was awarded MVP of the game. Throughout this tournament, it was evident that the Tornado players are progressing as a cohesive team. They continue to have a strong spirit and try their best at each game, while developing great positioning and passing skills. Good luck next week, Tornadoes, as you return to league play against the SKAHA Jr. Tbirds Black at home!