

Mixed Bag for KVHA in Weekend Play

Kent, WA. October 16, 2007 – KVHA’s weekend of hockey could best be summed up as a mixed bag of Halloween candy. The weekend included some delightful wins, a couple of ties and some disappointing losses. The bag also included a bunch of firsts; first goals, first shutouts, first points, first league wins and even first losses. Even the real tough games had their high points. One parent said; *“While I appreciated the continuous effort of the players, the highlight of the game for me was the display of good sportsmanship on the coaches’ part, and the ongoing encouragement the coaching staff provided the players!”* Good sportsmanship and ongoing encouragement in the face of adversity is a good thing to be demonstrating for our KVHA boys and girls. So, regardless of whether it involved a win, tie or loss, it was another great weekend of hockey for KVHA. Below are some game summaries...

Night of Firsts for the Mite Lightning in Bremerton

Bremerton, WA. October 13, 2007 - The KVHA Mite Lightning won their first game of the season on Saturday evening by a score of 4-0 in Bremerton. But the “firsts” didn’t end with a first team win. It was also a series of “firsts” for some of the Hurricane players:

- Third-year-Mite (second year goalie) Cameron Hansen had his first shutout!
- Second-year-Mite Andrew Bell scored his first goal!
- First-year-Mite Brandon Lajoie scored his first goal!
- First-year-Mite Alex Bucci scored his first goal!
- Third-year-Mite Mikey Thomas also scored a goal!

Goalie Cameron Hansen put on the armor and turned away 15 Bremerton shots to earn the shutout. Lajoie scored his goal at 11:56 of the first, followed by Bucci’s goal at 11:24 of the second. Thomas scored the Hurricane’s third goal at 11:10 of the third. Bucci followed one minute later with the fourth and final tally of the game at 12:10 of the final period. The Hurricanes recorded 10 shots on goal while Hurricane goalie Cameron Hansen turned away 15 shots (11 in the final period) for the shutout. According to Coach Alonzo, “It was a very exciting game and the boys had a great time!”

Mite Hurricanes Overpower Puget Sound “Red” 6 to 2

Kent, WA. October 13, 2007 – The KVHA Mite Hurricanes hosted the Puget Sound Mite Red team at Kent Valley Ice Centre on Saturday and overpowered the Reds by a score of 6 to 2. Puget Sound scored the first goal of the meeting with less than 3 minutes into the first period. The Hurricanes answered the call 30 seconds later and tied the game with a goal from Chase Dosa. Puget Sound Red scored a go-ahead goal at the 9:30 mark of the first, but it turned out to be their last goal of game. Less than a minute later the Hurricanes tied it up again with a goal from Justin Pitzer. The Hurricanes tallied one point in the second period on a goal from Jonathan Langmack. The third period belonged to the Hurricanes as Justin Pitzer earned his second goal of the meeting and Conner Pitlick earned the final two goals of the contest. Justin Pitzer got credit for an assist on Pitlick’s second goal. KVHA Goalie Seth Barnett got “high fives” for his outstanding performance with two shutout periods while his team scored 6 goals over three periods on the competition. Jonathan Langmack’s goal was recorded as the game-winning-goal.

KVHA Squirt Tier-II (4) Seattle Jr. Admiral Reds (1)

Lynnwood, WA. October 13, 2007 - Coach Derek Pizzey took his KVHA Squirt Tier-II team to Lynnwood Ice Arena Saturday for their first league game of the season and face-off against the Seattle Jr. Admiral Reds. Pizzey and his team came away with their first NPSHL win of the season. All but one of the game’s goals came in a busy first period. Seattle Junior scored first when Aiden Wagner teamed up with Nico Rottke to take the initial lead at 12:19 of the first period. KVHA tied it up at 14:39 with a goal by John Dunphy and assists from Sage Hege and Alec Johnson. Dunphy got the go-ahead goal (and winning-goal) two minutes later when he scored all alone on Seattle Jr. goalie Micah Alderman at 13:35. KVHA’s third goal of the period was scored by Ryan Peacock at 18:44 with an assist from

Dunphy. There was no scoring by either team in the second period. KVHA's fourth and final goal of the game came at 14:33 when Ryan Peacock scored on an assist from Dawson Myers. KVHA goalie Austin Phelps turned away 13 of 14 Seattle Jr. shots. Seattle Jr. goalie Micah Anderson was much busier stopping 24 of 27 KVHA shots. The game was nearly free of infractions as each team tallied only one penalty, both near the end of the final period.

KVHA Squirt Tier-II (2) Fall to SnoKing Squirt B-1 (11)

Renton, WA. October 14, 2007 – The joy from Saturday's win in Lynnwood lasted only until Sunday when the KVHA Squirt Tier-II team faced an inspired SnoKing Squirt B-1 team at Castle Ice in Renton. SnoKing scored 6 goals in the first period to make a strong impression on the KVHA team. They followed their 1st period barrage with 2 more goals in the second and 3 in the third. Four of SnoKing's first period goals were scored short-handed. KVHA scored once in the first period and one more in the second period. Ryan Peacock scored first at 18:33 on an assist from Anton Nikitin. Alec Johnson scored KVHA's second goal assisted by Dawson Myers. The contest was marred by penalties. Five SnoKing players earned 8 penalties while seven KVHA players received 7 penalties. KVHA managed 19 shots on goal while SnoKing tallied 44 shots on Austin Phelps. SnoKing's Christian Cinderella recorded 5 goals and 1 assist in the game.

PeeWee Hurricanes (1) WWFAHA Phoenix (1)

Kent, WA. October 13, 2007 – The KVHA PeeWee Hurricanes played the Western Washington Female Amateur Hockey Association (WWFAHA) Phoenix to a tie on Kent Valley Ice Saturday. The girls tallied the first goal at 5:05 of the second period. It wasn't until late in the third that the Hurricanes were able to post a score. Miles Hansen scored on assists from Aleksander Hughes and Tyler Jennings. The Phoenix managed only 8 shots on Hurricane goalie Dane Shaver while Shaver's teammates peppered Phoenix goalie Micah Alderman with 25 shots, 15 of those coming in the final period. Both coaches were pleased that the game was free of any penalties.

PeeWee Tornadoes Shutout WWFAHA Phoenix

Kirkland, WA. October 14, 2007 – KVHA's PeeWee Tornadoes fared a bit better against the WWFAHA Phoenix girls Sunday than did the KVHA Hurricanes on Saturday. Head Coach Kevin Bennett would like to think the Hurricanes softened the Phoenix up for the Tornadoes and the Tornadoes just took advantage of it. KVHA scoring was balanced with 3 goals in the first, 3 in the second and 2 in the final period. Brendan Miller and Angus Abels earned hat-tricks during the match. Miller scored 2 goals in the first period and 1 in the second. Abels scored one goal in each of the three periods. The Tornadoes other two goals were scored by Jason Smith in the second period and William Walkey in the third period. Duncan Wyatt assisted on a Miller goal and also on Walkey's goal. Other assists were earned by Nicholas Calfy and Hunter Nickell. The Tornadoes went penalty free during the game while the Phoenix were tagged for three penalties. Shots on goal were 24 for the Tornadoes and 4 for Phoenix. The Tornadoes goalie Colby Bennett earned the shutout.

KVHA PeeWee Tier-II Selects Hold Off a Strong Whatcom Warriors Team

Kent, WA. October 14, 2007 – The Whatcom Warriors came to Kent Valley Ice Centre Sunday morning in hopes of taking a win back north to Bellingham. Instead they walked out the front entrance of KVIC with a tie in their hockey bags.

The Warriors scored first at 4:56 of the first period when Kai Robinson passed the puck out to Jack Frantz at the point and Frantz fired a solid wrist shot past KVHA goalie Joshua Stone. Stone may have been screened by players in front of the net and appeared to be moving to get a look as the shot found its mark through the gap. The Warriors scored again at 15:54 when John Andrews stole the puck from a KVHA player in the Warriors end and passed it to Hank Hilts who broke out of the zone and skated full ice for his shot on Stone.

Two defenders tried to prevent Hilts from getting the shot in the KVHA end but Hilts managed to break through the defense to fire the puck past Stone as he tried to snag the shot with his glove. The first period ended with the scoreboard showing 2 to 0 in favor of the Warriors.

KVHA owned the second period as Harrison Bragg found the Warriors goal at the 4:05 mark. Bragg's opportunity followed two timely passes from Grant Willson to Jesse Howland and then to Bragg at the point. Bragg fired a high lofty shot that went into the net over Warrior goalie Austin Kohonen's stick. Kohonen deflected the puck a bit with his stick but not enough to prevent the goal. At 12:54 of the second period John Scherer stole the puck from a Warrior in the Kent end, skated past defenders into open ice and raced toward Warrior goalie Kohonen. Scherer pulled the trigger and fired the puck over Kohonen's stopper as the goalie skated out to cut down the angle. Scherer's goal tied the game at 2 to 2. Minutes later, Select's goalie David Zaks made a spectacular save as he gloved a strong shot by the Warriors Kai Robinson and prevented a "Scherer style" Warrior goal. The second period ended in a 2 to 2 tie.

The third period was highlighted by end to end challenges. KVHA's David Zaks made another incredible glove save at 7:09 of the third. A Matt Seamans hooking penalty at 8:46 left the Selects shorthanded for two minutes. The penalty didn't stop the Selects offense. At the 9:15 mark the Selects Jesse Howland skated in for a close up shorthanded shot on Kohonen. The Selects survived the Seamans penalty plus a holding penalty to Bragg in the last minute of the game. The game ended in a 2 to 2 tie.

Kent played goalie Joshua Stone 1 second short of half the game and goalie David Zaks for the last half of the game. Stone stopped 8 of 10 shots and Zaks went 7 for 7. Kent suffered 7 penalties while the Warriors were assessed 5 penalties. Kent out-shot the Warriors 25 to 17.

KVHA Bantam Tornadoes (2) Lose a Close One to Seattle Jr. Blades (3)

Kent, WA. October 13, 2007 – The KVHA Bantam Tornadoes lost a close NPSHL contest to the Seattle Jr. Blades Saturday at Kent Valley Ice Centre. The outcome wasn't clear until the buzzer went off at the end of the third period. The Blades scored first at 6:43 of the first period to open the scoring. The Blades' lead lasted less than five minutes until the Tornadoes scored at 11:08 when Zac Cadiente took a pass from Blake Walsh and scored on Blades goalie Zack Verfaillie.

The Tornadoes took the lead at 8:29 of the second on a goal by Zac Cadiente, his second of the game, with an assist credited to Dalton Niles. Again, the lead didn't last long. At 11:07 the Blades beat KVHA goalie Troy Turpin to tie the game.

The Tornadoes turned up the heat in the third period and out shot the Blades 17 to 5. Coach Cadiente swapped goalies to begin the third period to give goalie Joshua Severeid a shot at the Blades. But it was Blades goalie Zack Verfaillie that weathered the perfect storm. Verfaillie turned away 17 shots from the Tornadoes in the third period. The Blades took the lead for good at 9:39 of the third. The KVHA Tornadoes out-shot the Seattle Jr. Blades 29 to 20. Penalties were few, 4 for the Tornos and 3 for the Blades.

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