



Time Out

The official newsletter of the 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp

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Vierumäki Face of the Day



Each day, one player at the 2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp will be featured as the Camp's Player of the Day. Today, Team Blue's Kang Soo Lee from Korea is highlighted.

The first day of camp is always a new experience for the 135 players, but for those that travel halfway across the world, jet lag, along with being in new culture create quite an interesting first 24 hours.

But Korea's Kang Soo Lee, or just Lee as his teammates call him, has not missed a beat, despite his long travel day. The towering forward has an outgoing personality and is eager to learn about all of his teammates from around the world. First on the agenda is picking up a few words of Spanish

from his roommate. "Maybe I'll learn a few words, but I think it might be a little tough to teach Korean." Luckily, like all campers here in Vierumäki, Lee has learned how to communicate with English, or the international language of hockey.

Lee has been playing hockey back home in Korea for six years. Unlike many other nations, Lee got involved in the sport through his school. He started playing through an elementary school program and now has one more year before he graduates from middle school. Ultimately, he would like to go to North America to play high school hockey.

It is clear that Lee has caught the eye of ice hockey officials in Korea. He is one of two Korean players that was selected to come to Vierumäki for this year's Development Camp. Ironically, it was through an IIHF Skills Challenge in 2008 that Lee came to the attention of his association.

Now, he is eager to use this camp to further develop his skills. "I want to learn as much as I can here so when I move onto the next hockey level in a year, I'll be ready."

Two Minutes in the Box

Today's Highlights:

Camp kicked off with the Opening Ceremony. All participants were welcomed by the IIHF and their Finnish hosts and are ready for a week of action.

Monday's Weather:

There will be sun, but the weather will stay a little cool with a high of only 17.



A global game: Great Germany

Germany is well-represented here in Vierumäki with four players and two adults. One player from Germany will be writing a diary for Germany's *Eishockey News*, the biggest German hockey publication. Germany is considered a part of the Top-8 European nations and has a very strong interest in hockey, especially in the southern part of the country, known as Bavaria.

Question of the Day

Every day, there will be a trivia question in the newsletter. Answers can be given to the entry box at the Kiosk (snack bar). Winners will be announced tomorrow. You can pick up your prize at the camp office.

Today's Question

Two nations just joined the IIHF, bringing the total number of members to 68.

Which two countries are the newest IIHF additions?

WELCOME PARTICIPANTS!

Welcome to Vierumäki! It is great to have all of the 420 participants together at last. We hope that you enjoy your week here at the camp and learn a lot from your teammates and coaches.

You are a part of a unique program that brings people from five continents and more than 50 countries together. But it is up to you to make the most of the week that lies ahead. Maybe you are a star player from a country where hockey is well-known,

or perhaps, you come from a country where hockey is rare. Either way, there is a lot that you can teach your teammates and a lot that you can learn. Be open, ask questions, make friends and make this week a memorable one.

With each team is a group of very qualified coaches and managers. They know the game very well and many have traveled the globe. They are here to teach you, but they are also excited to learn about hockey in your country.

You will get out of this camp what you put in. With that in mind, here are a few tips that will help you this week.

- ☞ Smile and always say hello.
- ☞ Don't worry if your English isn't perfect, people will understand you.
- ☞ Treat others the way that you would like to be treated.
- ☞ Don't think that only ice time is learning time, there are lessons to be learned at all times during the camp.
- ☞ Be polite and keep an open mind.

On the Ice: Meet Team Blue

Blue Team Players:

FIN	Koivunotko, Jean	G
UKR	Gumeniuk, Vladislav	G
RUS	Vasiliev, Valeriy	D
FRA	Pons, Mathieu	D
ESP	Carbonell, Alejandro	D
KOR	Lee, Kang Soo	D
ISR	Raiter, Denis	D
HKG	Choi, Clarence	D
SWE	Sandberg, Filip	F
DEN	Lauridsen, Kristoffer	F
HUN	Könczei, Aron	F
GER	Kabitzky, Christoph	F
JPN	Suzuki, Kento	F
BEL	Andries, Louis	F
CRO	Cerovecki, Robert	F
TPE	Liang, Ching-Ho	F
ISL	Sigurdarson, Björn	F
USA	Grillo, Roger (mentor coach)	
LAT	Abols, Artis (coach)	
BEL	Peusens, Joris (coach)	
BIH	Hasovic, Ermin (coach)	
CAN	Rollins, Laura (coach)	
RUS	Andrey, Vasiliev (manager)	
NOR	Braten, Frode (equipment)	

Team Schedule:

July 5	vs. Black	18:15
July 6	vs. White	18:15
July 7	vs. Red	18:15
July 9	vs. Teal	18:30
July 10	vs. Yellow	16:45
July 11	vs. Green	18:30



PHOTO OF THE DAY: This photo of a blue team's players red hands was taken by coach Joris Peusens. The hands are red from an off-ice training exercise that helped the players get to know each other. Also seen in the photo is the blue wristband. Each team wears a wristband for their team color.

About the Team:

The Blue Team has a decidedly Asian flare with four players hailing from the region. There are also three players from Scandinavia. But the coaching staff is quite varied with the captain of the Belgium national team, Joris Peusens, making his camp coaching debut. Russian manager Andrey Vasiliev brings a tennis background, while mentor coach Roger Grillo is a university coach in America. The diverse staff is bringing their team together, spending the first day doing team building activities. On and off the ice, the Blue Team is coming together well.

Famous Faces

Did you know that Vierumaki was the first stop for many of today's famous hockey faces? Read on to learn more about Development Camp alumni that have gone onto great things

Anze Kopitar

The Slovenian native was the 11th overall NHL draft choice and currently plays for the NHL's Los Angeles Kings. He has also appeared in several IIHF World Championships for his country.

Jeff Tambellini

The Canadian was at the first Development Camp in Vierumaki back in 1999 where he was coached by current Mentor Coach Lars Lisspers (Team Red). Tambellini plays for the New York Islanders.

Kyle Okposo

The American just finished his rookie season with the N.Y. Islanders and played in the bronze medal game at the last World Championship in Switzerland.

Kim Martin

Did you know there's a Development Camp for girls? One of the biggest stars for the Swedish national team, goaltender Kim Martin, came to the first female camp in Vierumaki. Her career high was an Olympic silver.



Moi! My name is Finky and I am the official mascot of Finnish ice hockey and this camp! I am so excited to be around people from all over the world and learn all about your countries, but I'm just as excited to teach you about Finland. The first thing you should know is how to say some words in our unique language. I hope these help you while you're in my favorite country!

Moi = Hello

Jääkiekko = Ice Hockey

Näkemiin = Goodbye

Leiri = Camp