

AAA GAME OF THE WEEK

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BANTAM II ALL STAR GAME

EAST VS WEST

Team West Outshines East All Stars

Iceplex—

Whoever said players don't try in all-star games must not have watched the Bantam 2 All Star game at the MTS Iceplex on Saturday.

Right away it was clear it was going to be a fast pace game, and on his first shift of the game, Linden McCorrister put Team West in the lead taking the defenseman wide and beating goalie Tanner Douglas short side.

The opening goal seemed to give Team West a boost of momentum, as they began to dictate the play with a couple of huge hits by McCorrister, and by controlling the puck in Team East's end. Team East did a good job fighting off the pressure, but eventually broke down as Max Martin fought off his defender in the neutral zone and fed forward Dawson Martin who took the puck wide and found another hole short side on Douglas to put Team West up two.

However, Team East wouldn't let the early goals get to them, as the line of Milan Horanski, Dane Derewianchuck, and Codey Melnyk loaded on the pressure on Team West's goalie Ryan Kubic. This pressure was highlighted by a pretty tic-tac-toe chance by the trio, but they couldn't solve Kubic.

From there, Kubic seemed to catch fire as he made a couple of key stops on Team East's William Koop, who was buzzing in the offensive zone all period. The combination of good goaltending, and the physical play of defenseman Liam Schioler, and Skyler Thorsteinson, helped Team West team bring a 2-0 lead into the dressing room.

All-star games can often be a setting where the goaltenders are bound to have a rough night, but in this game the goalies showed everyone they are there for a reason.

Out of the gate was a great chance by Team West's Nolan Libbrecht who forced a turnover and went alone on Douglas, but was turned away by a great stick save. Team White responded quickly with a chance of their own with Derewianchuk sending a perfect pass to Dane Bumstead, but the two Dane's were turned aside by a nice kick save from Kubic.

After making a couple more key saves on Team East's, Koop, and Team West's Josh Curtis, it was time for the goalies to switch,



which saw Ryan Hall go between the pipes for Team West, and Mitchell Adamyk for Team East.

Both goalies started off strong with a couple of big saves respectively, but Team East's Austin Friesen broke the shutout with a big point shot on the powerplay, pulling his team between one going into the third period.

In the third, Hall and Adamyk got off to a good start, but most of the third was dedicated to scoring.

The first goal of the period came from Team East's Milan Horanski who pass attempt was fanned on, but trickled through traffic and eventually between the legs of Hall to tie the game up at two.

But shortly after, Team West took back the lead with a slick move from Curtis who tucked in a rebound around Adamyk into the open cage. This lead didn't last long as Team East responded with Nathan Halvorsen going top shelf for the goal of the game to tie it up yet again.

Unfortunately for Team East, Team West ended up becoming too much to handle. After a nice play from Curtis to set Stelios Mattheos up for an open net goal, Team West put their opposition to rest with a powerplay goal with less than five minutes in the game ending the game with a Team West victory.

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