

AAA GAME OF THE WEEK

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CITY MIDGET ALL STAR GAME

EAST VS WEST

The City Midget's Go Down to the Wire

Iceplex—

As the oldest players of the All-Star games played on Saturday at the MTS Iceplex, the City Midget's showed they still love the game just as much as the younger guys.

It was a very back and forth first period with both teams putting a great deal of pressure on each other. Therefore it was up to goaltenders Nathaniel Dupuis (East) and Evan Johnson (West), to step up –and they certainly didn't disappoint.

The first major test came against Johnson, as Team East's Tristan Salesse found Landon Plett alone in the slot, but Johnson was there to shut the door with a cross crease pad save. A few minutes later it was Salesse to Plett again in the slot and this time Johnson slid across with a huge glove save, robbing Team West of a premier scoring chance.

However, Team East's Dupuis would not be outdone, highlighted with a cross crease save of his own on Ryan Hutton.

Other than goaltending, another storyline in the first period was turnovers. Both teams looked sloppy in the neutral zone, and it was only a matter of time when Team West's Dane Schioler caused a turnover putting the puck past Dupuis to give his team the first lead of the game.

To Team West's credit, they did have a quick answer as defenseman Lucas Skrumeda ripped a point shot past Johnson picking the bottom corner. But just as the first period looked like it was ending in a tie, Enza Hall picked up the puck from yet another turnover, and dished it off to Nik Lynam to end the period with the lead.

It didn't take long for Team East to take the lead away from Team West in the second, as Jeremy Wiese put one past Dupuis in the first minute, and shortly after so did Taylor Fisher, with a snapshot in the slot.

After a failed two-on-one attempt by Tyler Penner and Tanner Magalas, Team East again took advantage as Ryan Walsh made a perfect pass to Carter Zalluski who went upstairs to give his team a two-goal lead.

Team West did however have an answer, as Lucas Skrumeda fired a one-timer at the net, giving a chance for Magalas to put in the rebound in a scramble in front of the net.



With momentum on their side, Team West would strike again, this time it was Robbie Cairns who buried the puck into the open net after a precision pass from Schioler to bring a tie game into the third period.

The third period of the game may have been the most exciting period of the day as the action went back and forth until the end.

The intensity really picked up when Magalas got his name on the scoresheet yet again for Team West, cutting across the middle with a quick snapshot to take the lead. And shortly after the Magalas goal, Skrumeda put in his second of the night with a tricky backhand that just squeaked past the goalie and across the goal line.

However, Team East would not give up, as Plett would feed Jordan Bochinski who pulled the puck across to his backhand for a beautiful goal on the two-on-one.

But Team West would pull away once again as Schioler put in a rebound as a stickless Ryan Brown couldn't recover to make the save.

Team East would have one last crack at it as Tanner Joseph squeaked the puck through traffic to bring his team within one. Unfortunately for Team East, Lucas Skrumeda would get his hat trick goal, as he sailed a shot from his own zone over his defenders and into the open net.

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