

AAA GAME OF THE WEEK

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HAWKS VS WARRIORS

'Hawks Stymied by the Warriors'

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The Winnipeg Warriors continued to be among the hottest teams in AAA hockey when they recorded their sixth consecutive victory on Tuesday night, beating a cross-town rival that was vying for first place overall in the Bantam Division 2 standings, the Winnipeg Hawks.

The Hawks came into the contest boasting a high-powered offense that has amassed over 200 goals in only 24 games. They've been disposing their opponents handily this season, and the Warriors were no exception as they were outscored 28-11 in their four previous games this year – losing all but one.

The Warriors, who seem to have endured an ebb-and-flow type of season, have recently relocated their winning ways, something that's given them a strong momentum surge in the late stages of the regular season docket.

The Hawks had a little more jump in the opening stanza. They outmuscled the Warriors along the boards, created numerous turnovers in the neutral zone and generated some high quality scoring opportunities, which were quickly turned away by Max Herechekosy – who was under fire for the better part of the evening.



After the Warriors killed off two penalties, and squandered a two-man power play in what proved to be a period chock-full of trips to the sin bin, they finally managed to get on the board in the



dying minutes of the frame when Mack Hardy notched his fist of two on the evening.

The Hawks continued their incessant pressure deep in the offensive zone throughout the second period, forcing Herechekosy to continue his impressive acrobatics – highlighted by a tremendous glove save on Zach Sackett. But at the midway point the period, the Hawks tied it up when Adam Wowryk jumped on a loose puck and chipped in his 31st of the season. The Warriors regained their lead shortly thereafter when Hardy fired a low shot that snuck under a diving Troy Martyniuk for his second of the night.

Despite the flurry of activity in front of Herechekosy (including two Adam Brooks breakaways) in the late stages of the frame, the Warriors held their one-goal lead heading into the second intermission.

Griffen Doell put together a two-goal performance in the third period to pace the Warriors to the eventual victory. Nick Mathews added the lone Hawks goal. This marked the second time the Warriors beat the Hawks – who have only lost four times.

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