

# HOCKEY WINNIPEG GAME OF THE WEEK

FEMALE MIDGET A1  
MONDAY JANUARY 23rd 2012  
River East VS Varsity View

## First places Falcons shut-out the Royals

### Gateway –

The River East Royals could not have asked for more from their goaltender, Ashley Boyd on Monday night when they took on the first place Varsity View Falcons in a Midget A1 matchup. Boyd stood on her head facing a Varsity View offense that put on relentless pressure in all three periods. Unfortunately for Boyd and the Royals, solid goaltending wasn't enough, as the Falcons took home the victory 3-0.

As good as Boyd played, she didn't get off to the best of starts, as early in the first period the Falcons put their first goal on the board. Starting the play was Leah Coulombe who took the puck hard and wide around the net to lose her defender and find and open Heather Muir in the slot, who made no mistake beating Boyd in the open bottom corner.



Coulombe continued to provide offensive pressure, as her and Boyd had quite the duel in the opening frame. After Coulombe had Boyd's number early, Boyd looked to even the playing field by stopping Coulombe on a wrap around, and then robbing her of an assist after making the save on Tess Hallgrimson who was alone in the slot after a beautiful pass by Coulombe.

But with nine seconds left in the period, Coulombe put the exclamation mark on her first period clash by putting it past Boyd this time by a pass from Muir who she had set up earlier in the period.

The second period was all Boyd. The Royals weren't able to get much going offensively, and struggled to get it out of their own zone. The result was a lot of offense from the Falcons, and a lot of saves from Boyd.

For the Falcons, Devyn McFadyen had a great period, and was buzzing all over the ice. Early in the second after a shifty takeaway, she bore down on Boyd but couldn't put it past her left pad. Later on in the period, the puck trickled out to McFadyen in the slot, but Boyd stopped her point blank, and then once again on the rebound.

Muir also continued her productive offense from her two first period points, but Boyd turned her aside on a couple of great chances in the slot, as well as a partial breakaway chance.

It was not just Boyd who kept the quick Falcons off the score sheet in the second, as the Royals defense was anchored by steady play from their captain, Meaghan Jones. Lead by Jones, the Royals as a whole did a much better job in the second keeping the Falcons to the outside and away from higher scoring areas.



The third period would sample some of the same storylines for both teams, as the Falcons continued to control the play, and Boyd continued for the most part to shut the door.

However, midway through the third, it looked like it was the Royals who were about to have a great scoring chance when Lauren Zarrillo was sprung on a partial breakaway, but she was tripped, and because she didn't have a clear path it was going to just be a two-minute powerplay for the Royals.



However, on the powerplay it was the Falcons who were able to capitalize, as McFadyen battled hard on the boards, causing the puck to get loose in front of the net where Coulombe was there to capitalize to give both her and her team three points on the night.

The Royals fought hard for the rest of the third to get something going, but the first place Falcons were just too much to handle on this night as they picked up the 3-0 win. With the win, the Falcons climb to 12-4, giving them a two-point lead on second place Stonewall.

### Three Stars

Leah Coulombe  
Ashley Boyd  
Devyn McFadyen

### Joey Traa

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