



March 22nd

Team NWT vs. Alberta North

Jr Females Game 5 (Semifinal): 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 22, 2018

Team NWT got back on track in their semifinal game with a 3-2 win over last Game's silver medalists - Team Alberta.

*Team Alberta open the scoring in the first. The closest that Team NWT came in the frame was when **Emma Wicks** (Yellowknife) ripped one off the post. Team Alberta was still hanging on to the 1-0 lead at the close of the first period.*

*And then rookie sensation, **Kyra McDonald** (Inuvik), went to work with a pair of second period goals with **Sahara Lafferty** (Yellowknife) picking up assists on both goals. **Layne Leonard** (Hay River) and **Anna MacCara** (Yellowknife) each added an assist to **McDonald**'s goals. Team NWT took the 2-1 lead into the third period.*

*Early in the third **MacCara** picked up her second point of the game with a nice solo effort, burying the puck over the right shoulder of the Team Alberta net minder and giving Team NWT a 3-1 lead.*

*With 48 seconds left showing on the clock and their goalie out for an additional attacker, Team Alberta made it very interesting knotting their second and making it a 3-2 game. Alberta continued to press as the clock wound down, but **Emily Paddock** (Yellowknife) stood firm in the cage earning her third win of the Games as time ran out for Team Alberta.*

***Lafferty** now leads Team NWT in scoring with one goal and 8 assists for nine points. She is followed closely by **Abby Webster** (Hay River) and **McDonald** who have seven points apiece.*

***McDonald** was selected as the player-of-the-game for Team NWT.*

In the other semifinal game, Team Alaska skated past Team Yukon 5-0. Team NWT will now play Team Alaska in the gold medal game Friday at 6:00 PM. Alberta and the Yukon will play at 4:00 for the bronze medal.