

2018 WWHSHL ALL STAR DAY GAME REPORT - VETS

Final Score: Vets Blue 3-0 Stars of the Game: 1* Emily Deck, Glenlawn Lions 2* Morgan Klassen, PCI Saints 3* Callie Philippe, CJS Olympiens

After a sweetly rendered rendition of O Canada by Tristin Ryz of J.H. Bruns, the Veterans Game got under way with immediate pressure by the Blue team. It quickly became clear that the White Goaltenders were going to have their hands full with several shots registered by the Blue team led by #13 Kaite Seed, #12 Callie Philippe and #7 Kara Jeffrey, all of which were turned aside by White Goaltender #31 Belle Groen. White countered with an excellent rush from #6 Alexia Lecocq, with an excellent save from Blue Goaltender #31 Belle Doepker. It seemed that the First Period was going to end in a scoreless tie with save after save made by Belle but with time winding down #10 Jordyn Magura passed to Kara who in turn fed the puck to #15 Alexa St.-Jean, whose long wrist shot beat a screened G through the 5-hole. With 12.8 seconds left the Blue team took a 1 - 0 lead. The shots in the First Period, Blue 17, White 3.

In the Second Period, the Blue team picked up where they had left off with Kaite leading a 2-on-0 flanked by her teammate #6 Cassidy Ilchena. Using Cassidy as a decoy, Kaite fired a hard shot which Belle deflected with her arm. Still Blue controlled and Cassidy passed to Kaite who fired a shot high-blocker which beat Belle cleanly, 2 - 0 Blue. The Blue team kept up the offensive pressure forcing Belle to make save after save. With the Goaltenders switched, White Goaltender #33 Morgan Klassen was welcomed by a hard shot from Kara which Morgan deflected with the shaft of her goal stick. Moments later Morgan had to make a series of amazing saves off shots from Blue #8 McKenna Joseph and a rebound where #2 Emily Deck had a seemingly open net until Morgan got across and made the save. On the next play however, Alexia led a rush for the White team only to be hauled down by Callie and according to the All Star Rules, Alexia was awarded a penalty shot. With her teammates shouting encouragement, Alexia skated down the ice, her shot just missed to the glove side. The Blue team continued with their offensive pressure and a good shot by Callie which was met by a better save on Morgan's part. The White team responded with a rush and a shot from Alexia and a wraparound attempt by #15 Sarah VanderMeulen. However, Blue Goaltender Elizabeth Hawash was equal to both challenges. Then it was the White team's turn to take a penalty as #3 Erin Nero was tripped. Erin was awarded a penalty shot and she chose to fire low glove, but Morgan was equal to the challenge and made an excellent left pad save. Morgan was tested moments later when Emily led a rush 2-on-1 with #11 Meghan McDonald beside her. Emily fed a beautiful pass to Meghan whose one-timer was labelled but Morgan made an amazing left pad save and froze the puck. The buzzer sounded the end of the period moments later. Shots on goal in the Second Period, Blue 20, White 4.

In the Third Period, the Blue team maintained relentless pressure with shots from Cassidy, Emily and Kara, all of which were handled by Morgan. Alexia and Sarah responded along with #13 Sam Taylor. Again, a penalty was called, this time against White #4 Signy Fileccia and #16 Meghan Young was awarded a penalty shot. Meghan also tried a shot glove-side but again was met by the seemingly impenetrable left pad of Morgan. With time winding down it looked like Morgan might be able to maintain the shut-out, even when Emily forced a goal-mouth scramble which Morgan stopped by alertly freezing the puck. However, the Blue team controlled off the faceoff and with the final seconds ticking away, Callie started the play passing to Meghan who fed Emily, whose shot caromed in off Morgan's chest with 20.5 seconds to go, 3 - 0 Blue. The final buzzer sounded seconds later. Shots on goal in the Third Period, Blue 19 for an amazing 53 shot total, White 5 for a Three Period total of 12.

The First Star from the Blue team was Emily Deck with the final goal and an outstanding offensive effort, the Second Star with an amazing goaltending display was Morgan Klassen. The Third Star for excellent offensive effort was Callie Philippe.