

**CTV DIVISION A Championship Playoff Series  
WWHSHL Game 1 Report**

**CJS OLYMPIENS v KELVIN CLIPPERS  
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After a stirring rendition of O' Canada sung by Eve Baker of CJS, Game 1 of the CTV Division A Finals between the home Olympiens and the visitors Clippers opened as a tight checking affair with few chances for either team. Even an early powerplay opportunity for the Clippers with Olympiens' #10 Makenna Mikolayenko in the box for tripping, yielded only one shot by #8 Keyara Lea for Kelvin. Back at full strength the Olympiens took the offensive with #4 Jaime McNicholl and #2 Taylor Coward generating two chances, the second on a 2-on-1 opportunity which culminated in a shot from Jaime which was labelled for the far corner only to be turned aside by the outstretched left pad of Clippers' goalie #1 Jaiden Crosby. Shortly thereafter the Olympiens got their first powerplay opportunity as #5 Alexandra Kliman was called for crosschecking. However the Kelvin penalty killers responded admirably forcing Olympiens' #12 Tessa Marcon to take an interference penalty only 18 seconds in. In the ensuing 4x4 Kelvin #16 Keyanna Lea managed a shot which Olympiens' goaltender #30 Chanelle Vandal handled. The ensuing brief Kelvin powerplay yielded no shots and the first period ended shortly thereafter. Shots on goal, CJS 5, Kelvin 5.

In the second period the Clippers came out with all sails billowing and soon were rewarded. Alexandra started the play and fed the puck back to #18 Avery Sims at the point. Her shot was stopped by Chanelle but the puck came to Keyara in perfect position by the weak-side post and the Clippers' forward wasted no time in firing the puck home, 1-0 Clippers. With the go-ahead goal momentum swung in favour of Kelvin and the play was carried on mostly in the Olympiens' zone. Finally CJS managed some offence, forcing Kelvin #20 Hailey Sharpe to take a tripping penalty. On the powerplay the Olympiens exerted considerable pressure and as the penalty ended, but before Hailey could get back in the play, a point shot from Tessa got through a forest of sticks and skates and found the back of the Kelvin net. #15 Paige Collins got the assist, 1-1. Keyara responded for the Clippers with a brilliant end-to-end rush down the left side. The speedy Clippers' forward cut right into the slot and fired point blank but Chanelle was equal to the task and made the save. This play seemed to energize the Clippers and they dominated eventually leading to a high-sticking call against the Olympiens' Makenna. Back on the powerplay the Clippers had a number of chances, the best of which started with Alexandra skating end-to-end down the left side. She passed to Keyara in the slot whose one-timer was labelled but Chanelle made the brilliant save to keep the score knotted at 1. Moments later Alexandra was called for tripping and the fans were treated to another 4x4 demonstration, mostly controlled by the Olympiens. On the brief CJS powerplay the best chance was created shorthanded by Keyara who skated right in on goal only to shoot wide. The second period buzzer sounded moments after the teams were back at full strength. Shots on goal in the second, CJS 3, Kelvin 8.

In the third, Kelvin was almost immediately back on the powerplay with Taylor called for tripping. However the Olympiens were superb on the PK with a good chance created by Paige only to be taken out by Alexandra on the back-check. With the teams back at full strength there were chances at both ends. Keyara led a rush passing to her sister Keyanna but the puck was just beyond the Clippers centre's reach. CJS responded led by #25 Celine Matyi who skated in 2-1 flanked by #23 Josée Lavergne. Using her teammate as a decoy, Celine fired a hard shot which was coolly gloved by Jaiden. With time winding down and the fans thinking of overtime,

Kelvin #12 Skylar Ferbers was called for high-sticking. The Olympiens controlled in the offensive zone and a scramble at the Clippers' goalmouth led to a further penalty against the Clippers, this time sending Keyara off for hooking. The Clippers were excellent during the brief 5-on-3 and managed to ice the puck. However even with Skylar back in the play, CJS gained the zone. A hard shot by #29 Cami Daeninck was stopped by Jaime but #3 Naomie Bérubé was in perfect position to fire home the rebound. With the powerplay goal the Olympiens took a 2-1 lead. With 5 minutes to go the Clippers pressed for the equalizer forcing Olympiens' #7 Emma Bonne to take a high-sticking call. Sensing his chance, Head Coach Sam Tougas called a time-out to organize his troops. The tactic seemed to work as the Clippers controlled in the offensive zone. Alexandra went D-to-D to Avery whose slap shot sailed just wide. The Olympiens cleared but soon the Clippers were back in the zone with a slap shot from Alexandra which Chanelle was forced to freeze. The Clippers could manage no further chances though and with the Olympiens back at full strength the play centered in the Kelvin zone. Tessa passed to Emma who in turn set up #8 Alexa St-Jean in the slot. It took Alexa three tries but she finally beat Jaiden and staked the Olympiens to a seemingly insurmountable 3-1 lead. With less than 3 minutes to go the Clippers tried desperately to narrow the gap but Chanelle had the answer every time and finally with an empty net goal the scoring concluded 4-1 CJS. Shots on goal in the third, CJS 9 for a three period total of 17, Kelvin 7 for a three period total of 20.

The three stars were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Star – CJS Olympiens' Chanelle Vandal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Star – CJS Olympiens' Tessa Marcon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Star – Kelvin Clippers' Avery Sims

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