

WWHSHL ALL STAR DAY 2015

Game Report Blue Vets vs. Gray Vets

After another excellent rendition of O Canada by Kyle Bertrand of Selkirk Royals (and a possibly an even louder TRUE NORTH! shout out) the Blue Vets vs. Gray Vets game was underway. The Gray Vets immediately asserted themselves with the best chance in the early going led by #3 Felicia Daeninck, who skated in 2 on 1 with #7 Sydney Maurice. Using her wing mate as a decoy, Felicia fired a shot which Blue Vets goaltender #30 Jamie Maes stopped but couldn't control. Sydney fired the rebound just wide of the open net. The Blue Vets responded led by #2 Hannah Baker. Hannah fired a shot wide and then picked up her own rebound off the boards forcing Gray Vets goaltender #30 Michelle Romanuk to make a good save. On the next play Gray Vets #13 Emily Walkey led a rush passing to #10 Kendall Smith forcing Blue Vets defender #3 Katrina Boudreau to take a penalty for body checking. On the power play the Gray Vets controlled with shots from #14 Kerry Ward and a nice play from Kendall to #9 Julia Ortiz for a dangerous shot but Jamie had the answer. The teams were briefly at full strength until Emily was called and the Blue Vets went on the power play. Led by #11 Brittany Poirier and #13 Signy Schellenberg the Blue Vets had two nice chances but the shots were fired just wide. Back at full strength momentum swung in favour of the Gray Vets with a nice offensive display by #5 Meghan Hodgins who fired a shot which Jamie was forced to freeze. On the next play Meghan was back with a nice inside move to gain the zone, passing to Emily who was checked off the puck at the last moment. The first period ended moments later. Shots on goal in the first: Gray Vets **4**; Blue Vets **2**.

In the second period the Gray Vets resumed where they had left off with a nice play by Felicia who fired a shot from a sharp angle which Jamie deflected into the corner. The Blue Vets seemed likely to clear the zone but the play was broken up and the puck came back to Felicia lying in the weeds. Felicia turned and fired a quick shot which Jamie stopped but couldn't corral whereupon the Gray Vets forward picked up her own rebound and fired again. This time Jamie froze the puck. On the next play Gray Vets #12 McKenzie Van Aert led a 2 on 1, passing to Kendall who fired a shot, but again, Jamie made the save. Finally, the efforts of the Gray Vets were rewarded as Felicia intercepted a clearing attempt and skated in beating Jamie cleanly to the glove side. With the unassisted goal, Felicia staked the Gray Vets to a **1-0** lead. The Blue Vets responded with a hard shot from #9 Mikaela Hupé, which caught Michelle high on the chest. Mikaela picked up her own rebound and fired a shot which Michelle stopped but the rebound lay tantalizingly in the crease for a long moment before Michelle pounced on it. Back came the Gray Vets 2 on 1 led by Kendall. She passed to McKenzie who returned the puck to Kendall but the shot went wide. Shortly thereafter the Gray Vets had another 2 on 1 led by Felicia who passed to Julia for a shot, but Jamie with a brilliant blocker save kept her team in it. With 3:51 left in the second period, the teams switched goaltenders with Gray Vets #1 Hallie Broda and Blue Vets #1 Cassandra Groen taking over. Hallie had to make her first save in the final seconds of the second period with a shot by Kerry. Shots on goal in the second: Gray Vets **9**; Blue Vets **1**.

The third period started all Gray with a great rush from Felicia, forcing Cassandra to make a nice blocker save. Julia controlled the rebound behind the net and passed back to Felicia for another shot. The puck came back to Meghan at the point for a third try, which Cassandra finally was able to freeze. The Blue Jets responded led by #14 Rebecca Shimnowski who fired a shot which went just wide prompting an "OH!" from the Blue Vets' fans. On the next play with the Gray Vets pressing, #8 Chanele Meier lying in ambush picked up the puck and shot high. Chanele grabbed

her own rebound and fired again, this time the puck was on target but it caromed off Cassandra's face mask. On the next play Kerry led a rush for the Gray Vets forcing Katrina to take an interference penalty and the Blue Vets went on the PK. The Gray Vets managed to control for an extended period in the offensive zone with the best chance started by Felicia who spun away from a defender and fed the puck towards Kendall in perfect position by the weak side post. A goal seemed certain but Kendall's stick was lifted by Blue Vets #6 Amanda Fanning in a brilliant defensive play. Back at full strength the Gray Vets continued their offensive onslaught with Julia feeding the puck to Felicia, creating a 2 on 1. Flanked by Chanele, Felicia skated the length of the passing the puck at the last moment. Chanele's quick shot went post and in to finish the beautiful play. **2-0** Gray Vets. The Blue Vets tried hard to narrow the score but were repeatedly rebuffed by the Gray Vets defenders and the final buzzer sounded to cement a **2-0** Gray Vets victory. Shots on goal in the third: Gray Vets **11**; Blue Vets **2**.