

GAME REPORT
WINNIPEG WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE ALL-STAR DAY
Blue Jets vs Grey Jets
January 17, 2016

After a sweetly rendered version of O Canada by Bryn Miles, the marquee event of All Star Day, the Blue vs Grey Jets game was underway. Blue #11 Anna Meier registered the first shot for her squad and #13 Mackenzie Neapew responded for the Greys with a shot followed by her own rebound. The starting goaltenders Blue #31 Jaidyn Crosby and Grey #33 Alyssa Kaminsky made the saves. On the next play Grey #15 Samantha Roche picked up the puck in her zone and skated the length of the ice diagonally left to right ending in the right corner deep in the Blue zone. Her perfect feed sailed through the slot, no teammate was there. The Blues replied led by #5 Mackenzie Henley skating in all alone but again Alyssa made the save drawing an "OH!" from the fans. However, on the next play Blue #8 Jenny Kim fed a beautiful cross-ice pass to her teammate #3 Kennedy Frank. Kennedy cut in on net and tucked the puck behind a sprawling Alyssa, 1 - 0 Blue. The Greys replied with a 3-on-1 led by Mackenzie with #10 Nikki Lillies and #9 Keyara Lea matching her stride for stride. Mackenzie attempted to feed the puck to Nikki but the pass failed to click. Unfazed, Mackenzie picked up the puck and passed again to Nikki, this time Nikki got the shot off but Jaidyn's glove snaked out and made the save. On the next play Blue #9 Julia Lee took a penalty for hooking and the Grey powerplay went to work. A dangerous chance in the early going was foiled by an adroit poke-check from Jaidyn and then Kennedy managed a counterattack forcing Alyssa to freeze the puck. Back and forth the play went with no side able to seize the advantage as the buzzer sounded to end the first period. Shots on goal, Blue 8, Grey 9.

In the second period with #31 Katy Elias in goal for the Greys and #33 Allie Leckie taking over in net for the Blues, it was all Blue in the early going. Blue #10 Keyanna Lea (playing against her older sister) had a breakaway but Katy made the stop. On the next play however Jenny picked up the puck in the Grey zone and fired a hard shot which Katy stopped but couldn't corral, allowing Jenny to fire home her own rebound, 2 - 0 Blue. Grey responded by picking up their play but Blue pushed back and the play remained very evenly matched. The best play for the Greys was engineered by Keyara who skated a slalom course around Blue backcheckers, eventually skating right in on goal but Allie made the save. #7 Kayla Hosegood responded for the Blues, skating in down right wing and firing a hard shot which forced Katy to make an excellent save. Slowly the momentum swung in favour of the Greys and finally they were rewarded when #12 Sonya Neale took a beautiful feed from #7 Alexandra Kliman and cut in on goal beating Allie high to the stick-side and narrowing the score to 2 - 1 Blue. As the period wound down the Greys seemed to be content with the prospect of going into the third period only down one goal but not the Blues. Jenny took a pass from Keyanna and engineered a beautiful dangle which allowed her to skate in all alone. Her shot went in high to the glove side and with only a minute left in the period the two goal lead was restored. Still the Blues were not satisfied and with barely 30 seconds left, Jenny fed a beautiful pass to Keyanna and with the tap in the Blues closed out the period up, 4 - 1. Shots on goal in the second, Blue 12, Grey 13.

In the third period with #35 Cali Mazur in goal for the Blues and #35 Julianna Thomson in goal for the Greys, the Blue squad padded their lead, thanks to goals from #13 Kaitlyn Seed assisted by Kayla and then followed up by a further goal, this time with Kayla as the trigger person taking a feed from Anna, 6 - 1 Blue. This was narrowed a few minutes later by Grey #3 Sydney Cancilla with an assist from Sonya. However, Anna rounded out the scoring for the Blues with less than a minute left assisted by Mackenzie to cap a convincing 8 - 2 Blue victory. Shots on goal in the third, Blue 10 for a three period total of 30, Grey 9 for a three period total of 29.

Third Star for the Blue team was #10 Keyanna Lea with two goals and an assist. Second Star for the Grey team was #13 Mackenzie Neapew and 1st Star for the Blue team was #11 Anna Meier with a goal and an assist. Also with a multiple point night for the Blue squad was #8 Jenny Kim with two goals (including the game winner) and two assists.