

Tuesday, 28 September

It was another early wake up for the boys, who were still in good spirits from the win the night before. We woke to the news that Ben Roth wasn't fell too flash and so we finished breakfast and headed to the rink for our morning skate leaving him to rest in peace. After a good jog and stretch we hit the small ice in Adelaide for some systems work – walking through our Defensive Zone coverage, while the 3 goalies were put through their paces with Stevo.

With a good training under our belts we piled into the vans bound for quick showers and off the Marian Mall and a spot of shopping, we finally made after our fearless manager Karen assured us she knew where she was going and we had to stop twice for directions. Making it in one piece, it was great to see the team thinking of Ben and they bought him some magazines and drinks to keep him going while we were at the game that night.

On our return from the mall we had our second victim with Head Coach Andy Hay coming down with similar symptoms to Ben. Leaving the sickies at home we piled in and set off to the rink. Nerves were high with a fantastic result in the first game the team were keen to make it a repeat.

With a threatening Haka lead courageously by Keegan Maisey everyone was ready for battle. The first period saw a tight battle with penalties to both teams, NZ finally broke through on the Power Play with a goal to rookie Ollie Hay, that would be how the period ended 1 -0 NZ. After some words of encouragement NZ took the ice in period 2 possessed scoring 3 goals in 5 minutes to take a 4-0 lead into the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ollie netted a 2<sup>nd</sup> with James Cook and Scott Randell also netting one a piece. The 3<sup>rd</sup> started much the same as the 2<sup>nd</sup> with high intensity from both teams; the South Australians came out firing and for their troubles managed to net a Power Play goal. New Zealand weren't done yet with another 3 goals in the 3<sup>rd</sup> finishing the game 7-1. Josh Hubbard started in goal for NZ for his first game and came away with a solid win and 14 saves, Ollie Hay was a stand out with a couple of goals and drawing penalties with his hard skating.

Leaving the rink everyone was looking forward to a good meal and a rest day tomorrow.