

Match Report Game 3 - New Zealand 0 - Romania 7

Wednesday, 23 March 2011

4:20 p.m.

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The first period started at a good intensity with NZ getting the early upper hand with puck control and physical play from Quinn Drake who got moved up forward after Max Macharg's injury, Romania scored with about 8min to go in the period, NZ kept the tough defensive play making Romania work for every shot. Romania finished the period 2 - 0

With NZ still well in the game at 2-0 a costly penalty allowed Romania to make it 3 - 0, again the boys stood out with some perfect 2nd effort shot blocking from Keegan Harnett and Josh Greenwood which both have some battle scars to prove they put there body on the line. Unlike our 2nd game NZ created some very good offense from Old Man, Luke Pickering and Kahu Joyce. Another penalty costing NZ their 4th goal against.

The 3rd period started the same as the 1st and 2nd, at a very high pace. The intensity caused yet another penalty and Romania scored yet another power play goal, for the small amount of time NZ did get to even strength, we competed in every aspect of the game some fantastic forechecking from Tom Richards. I am sure the defense will be thinking about going into the corner next time he sees him coming. Aston Brookes continued to back his team with some show stopping saves frustrating our opponents. Our last penalty cost NZ yet another goal against.

The game finished 7-0, it did not feel like a 7 zip defeat, the boys played with with heart and soul that is expected of a NZ team with members of the opposite team commenting about our tough play and how we did not give up, we can take that away going into the next day. The boys will reflect tonight about the ill discipline and how at even strength playing the way we know we can we can compete.

Coach Rout