



GAME REPORT

NEW ZEALAND UNDER 18

IIHF Under-18, Division 3, Group B World Championships
Monterrey, MEXICO 14 - 20 March 2010



Monday, 15 March 2010

New Zealand - 7 : Ireland - 2

Same as the day before the New Zealand team performed the Haka before the game but not on the ice, they had found a corner of the rink that was visible by the Ireland supporters, and the whole rink.

First period saw New Zealand start strong, quickly finding their stride and out skating their opponents who looked tired from their tough game against Mexico the previous night.

Southern player Luke Pickering started NZ's scoring from a rebound shot off the pads from Conner Harrison, New Zealand kept Ireland under pressure peppering the goalie from all angles, New Zealand managed to finally find the back of the net again from a nice cross ice pass from Todd Elder to Gareth Lloyd putting it in. New Zealand showed that they were there to play and out shot Ireland 25 to 4

Second period:

The new Zealand team started out the same way they finished off in the first. Some poor discipline saw 3 minor penalties in a row giving Ireland some momentum, although we regained full strength Ireland capitalized on the momentum and scored their first goal this led New Zealand to become flat footed and they allowed Ireland to skate with the puck, this allowed Ireland to score the equalling goal only 5 mins later, the boys did not take this lightly and stepped up their game and scored with 30 seconds to go a nice rebound goal by Gareth Lloyd in front of the net. New Zealand lost the period 2-1

Third period:

In the changing rooms was a feeling that they knew what to do to get the job done and New Zealand went out the same way as the first, skating, a nice pass up the boards from Regan Wilson to Conner Harrison skated right past the defenseman with speed to score, a good forechecking shift from Quinn Drake, Remy Sandoy created a nice turn over for Dane Dunlop to skate out of the corner to score momentum still heavily in our favor a hard working shift from Dale Bailey started the play to Logan Johnston who made a pass through the defender to Josh Greenwoods stick who had been shooting from everywhere and finally found the back of the net. A couple of reckless roughing penalties nearly let Ireland back in the game but with some great penalty kill from Jamie Lawrence and Kahu Joyce did not allow Ireland back into the game. Some good hard individual work from Remy Sandoy potted New Zealand's final goal for the game

Some great saves from Joe Gaynor never let Ireland back in the game and Nick Gloags impressive physical dominance and Dylan Dicksons hard working forecheck kept New Zealand looking good through out the game

We out shot Ireland 63 to 21

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