



GAME REPORT

NEW ZEALAND UNDER 18

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



Friday, 19 March 2010

New Zealand - 5 : South Africa - 2

First Period:

New Zealand started a bit sluggish from the puck drop allowing South Africa to skate with the puck through the neutral zone giving them the space to score first early on in the period, this was a wake call NZ needed quickly seeing this was going to be no easy game. Halfway through the period 5 on 5 NZ turned the momentum into there favor shooting on net and not giving SA much to work with with some good solid defense from Jamie Lawrence and good fore checking from Quinn Drake and Tom Wilson gave NZ some good scoring chances. Later in the period a couple of big penalty kills kept NZ very much in this game.

Second Period:

The players were not happy with there first period and took it upon themselves to step it up starting with an individual dangle by Gareth Lloyd opening the scoring quickly followed up again by Gareth Lloyd from a nice rebound from Conner Harrison off the goalies pads to take NZ into the lead. Heavy pressure from Logan Johnston, Justin Fuller, Dale Bailey lead to some great shots, a small lapse in defensive zone let SA to tie up the game. NZ responded back with a turn over goal from Conner Harrison and his 3rd of the night Gareth Lloyd to end the period 4 - 2 .

Third Period:

3rd period started the way the 2nd period finished, NZ outskated SA from the beginning till the end dominating in every aspect of the game hard work paid off again another shot from Conner Harrison and rebound goal to get his 4th goal Gareth Lloyd, NZ continued to get scoring chances from Josh Greenwood, Remy Sandoy and Dylan Dickson. SA had some good scoring opportunities but our goal tending from Joe Gaynor, solid defense from Ryan Currid did and txt book back checking from Dale Bailey not allow SA back into the game at all.

A great team effort and a good way to finish the game has made the team set there sights on the number one ranked team Mexico tomorrow night for the gold medal game which I'm sure will not be any kind of Mexican stand off.

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