

## OWHA TEAM CHINA SERIES

### GAME # 1

Team China 4 Cambridge Fury 3

Cambridge; The National Women's Hockey Team of China took to the ice for their first game of a twenty-one game schedule during their two-month training camp in Ontario. The game was played in front of an enthusiastic crowd at the Cambridge Mall.

Mr. Yu Tiande, General Secretary of the Chinese Ice Hockey Association joined Karen Ford, President of the Cambridge Girls Hockey Association for the ceremonial puck drop.

Team China took the lead at 10:25 of the first period on a goal by Huo Cui assisted by captain Wang Linuo and Wang Nan. Cambridge evened the score at one at 9:27 of the first on a goal by Laura Brooker assisted by Erin Zach and Rebecca Traversa. China took the lead back at 3:38 of the first on a goal from Sun Rui assisted by Tang Liang. Shots on goal at the end of the first period were 13 to 11 in favour of Cambridge.

The teams exchanged scoring chances throughout the second period with excellent passing plays and great goaltending. Cambridge finally broke through, tying the game at two on Laura Brooker's second goal of the game. Kelsey MacSorley picked up the assist. The period ended tied at two with shots on goal even at 11 each.

Team China came out flying with Yu Baiwei breaking in to score the go-ahead goal at the 19:43 mark of the third period. Jiang Na and Jin Fengling picked up the assists. China took the first two-goal lead of the game with Sun Rui picked up her second goal at 15:26. Assists went to Huang Haijing and Ma Rui. Cambridge Fury pulled within one on a goal by Janna Harbin at 14:03 of the third. Assists went to Katie McSorley and Brittney Crawford. With just over a minute left in the game, Cambridge Coach, Marty McNally pulled his goaltender but Team China held off the surge to win the game 4-3. Shots on goal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> were 18 to 11 in favour of Cambridge for a game total of 42-33 for Cambridge.

Head Coach of Team China, Hannu Saintula expressed his appreciation to the Cambridge team and organization for the game and hospitality.