

OWHA TEAM CHINA SERIES

GAME # 6

Toronto Aeros 4 Team China 2

Vaughan; The Toronto Aeros played a strong game from the opening face-off until the final buzzer, defeating a very strong opponent, the Women's National Team of China, by a score of 4 – 2. Kelly Babstock opened the scoring for Aeros at the 11:42 mark of the first period with assists to Megan Hagg and Shannon Doyle. Just over three minutes later, at 8:26, Jenn Daly put Aeros up by two with assists going to Jenna McParland and Shannon Stoneburgh. Team China pulled to within a goal at 6:28 to round out the scoring in the first period. Huo Cui scored with assists going to Wang Linuo and Zhang Ben. Aeros outshot Team China 18 to 8.

The second period featured exciting, end to end hockey with excellent scoring chances and great goaltending with Team China outshooting Aeros 16 to 13. At the 12:40 mark, Sally Butler put Aeros up by two with Aurora Kennedy and Adriana Leon assisting. Less than a minute later, a determined Team China team pulled within one on a goal by Sun Rui, assisted by Ma Rui and Jin Fengling. The period ended with Aeros up by a score of 3 – 2.

The teams played scoreless hockey for most of the third period. With just over four minutes remaining in the game, Team China's Sun Rui broke in and fired a shot inches wide of the net on a great attempt to even the score. Toronto Aeros were just as determined to take the game and, at the 3:36 mark of the third, Jillian Saulnier scored with an assist going to Megan Hagg to put Aeros up 4-2. Both teams had strong goaltending throughout the game with Aeros splitting the game between Brianna Piper and Nicole Pannicia and Shi Yao going the distance for Team China. Toronto Aeros outshot China in the third period by a count of 10-2. Total shots on goal for the game were 41 to 26 for Toronto Aeros.

Pictures of the game were taken by Andrew Tee and may be viewed at:
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