

AAA GAME OF THE WEEK

October 9th, 2009

AAA Bantam 2

Sharks vs Warriors

'AAA teams get Big League treatment'

Downtown Winnipeg – The fans who funnelled their way through the doors of the MTS Centre on Friday night, to seek refuge from the first snowfall of the season, were treated to an action-packed double-header of hockey.

In the late game, the Manitoba Moose defeated a very familiar foe, the Chicago Wolves – a team boasting a roster filled with familiar faces to fans in Mooseland – by a score of 4 – 1 in the first game of a back-to-back weekend homestand.

A few hours before the Moose hit the ice, a pair of Bantam (Division 2) AAA squads took center stage on the big league ice for an early season showdown; something that's become an annual tradition between the Manitoba Moose and the Winnipeg AAA council.



The Warriors came into the contest searching for the first win of the season (after losing their opener at the hands of the Monarchs) while the Sharks had yet to play a game in the 2009-2010 campaign.

The Sharks wasted very little time getting on the board as Jordan Bochinski converted on a power play for his first of three on the night. After the early tally, the game settled as both teams seemed to be nervously squeezing their sticks throughout a period that was chock-full of neutral zone turnovers and sloppy breakouts.

The Warriors came out with a little more jump in the second stanza as they spent the better part of the opening minutes cycling deep in the offensive zone, creating numerous scoring

chances. They finally managed to get on the board and tie it up when Carter Shellenberg pounced a loose biscuit and slid a backhand through a sprawling Kyle McHolm.

The Sharks regained the lead less than a minute later when Dallas Miller failed to complete a gorgeous solo effort, and



Bochinski shovelled the loose rebound into the yawning cage for his second of the evening. The Warriors answered shortly thereafter on the man advantage when Griffen Doell raced in all alone and riffled the puck, top glove, past McHolm.

The Sharks notched two more in the dying minutes of the period, including Bochinski's third and Ryan Pruden's first of two points on the night (including the game winner) to give their team a one goal, 4 – 3, lead heading into the second intermission.

The third period was surely one to forget for the Warriors. Their counterparts scored three quick goals in the less than four minutes, giving them a lead that they would not relinquish for balance of the contest.

Dallas Miller got his first of the night (third point) skating the length of the ice and making no mistake on the breakaway. Gattlin Burnett unwittingly notched his first of the season as his dump-in took funny hop off the boards and fooled Warriors netminder, Max Hrechekosy. And Chayce Viczina bulged the twine just over a minute later to round off the third period scoring summary.

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