

PLAYED AT: Harbour Station

Date: Nov 6, 2018

GAME NOTES: O'ROURKE SCORES WINNER AGAIN AS BLACK EDGES U.S. JASON LA ROSE SAINT JOHN, N.B. — Ryan O'Rourke (Pickering, Ont./Sault Ste. Marie, OHL) scored the game-winning goal for the second time in as many days, hammering in a slap shot with 91 seconds to go to give Canada Blacka wild 5-4 win over the United States in the final prelm game for both States Black Tuesday at the 2018 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. Just 44 seconds after Eamon Powell had tied the game for the U.S., O'Rourke — who scored the OT winner against the Czech Republic on Monday — took a pass from Jamie Drysdale (Toronto, Ont./Erie, OHL) and unleashed a rocket from the top of the circles that beat American goaltender Drew Comness on the blocker side. The win moves Blacka a point ahead of Canada White for first place in Group A, although White will take on the Czechs in the group finale later in the day. Blackis guaranteed to finish no lower than second place. It was all U.S. in the first period, starting with a Tanner Latsch goal just 38 seconds after the puck dropped that quickly quieted the pro-Canadian crowd at Harbour Station. Blake Biondi slipped a shot five-hole on Joe Vrbetic (Dunvegan, Ont./Powassan, NOJHL) for the 2-0 goal at 7:52, but the Canadian netminder settled in after that and finished the opening period with 14 saves to keep it a two-goal game. Black flipped the script in the second period, turning a deficit into a lead in less than five minutes. Kyle Crnkovic (Chestermere, Alta./Saskatoon, WHL) got the Canadians on the board, jumping on a turnover in the neutral zone and beating Comness through the legs four minutes into the middle stanza. Ozzy Wiesblatt (Calgary, Alta./Prince Albert, WHL) tied it at 7:29, potting his own rebound, and Quinton Byfield (Newmarket, Ont./Sudbury, OHL) went bar-down with a rocket of a wrist shot 1:08 after that to give Blackits first lead. Will Ouyile (Toronto, Ont./ Windsor, OHL) added a fourth goal before the end of the period, racing onto a lead pass and blasting a slap shot past Comness to send the Canadians to the dressing room up by a pair at 4-2. But the Americans refused to go away, and Landon Slaggert redirected a one-handed pass from Biondi over the shoulder of Vrbetic to make it a one-goal game at 11:58 of the third period. Powell snapped a shot past Vrbetic on the power play with 2:15 left to seemingly send the game to overtime, but the O'Rourke winner instead left the Americans with their first two-game losing streak in the preliminary round since 1997.

UNITED STATES LINEUP			UNITED STATES PENALTIES									CANADA BLACK LINEUP			CANADA BLACK PENALTIES								
Pos	No.	Name	Per.	No.	Min	Offence	Off	PP	PS	Start	On	Pos	No.	Name	Per.	No.	Min	Offence	Off	PP	PS	Start	On
G	29	Purcell, Colin	1st	34	2:00	Holding the Stick	18:45	1		18:45		G	30	Bjorklund, Garin	1st	20	2:00	Slashing	3:54	1		3:54	
G	35	Comnesso, Drew	2nd	52	2:00	Interference	12:07	1		12:07		G	31	Vrbetic, Joe	2nd	15	2:00	Late Hit	18:38	1		18:38	
	34	Faber, Brock	3rd	55	2:00	Slashing	9:11	1		9:11			2	Hunt, Daemon	3rd	7	2:00	Delay of Game	1:08	1		1:08	
	36	Dzhaniyev, Daniyal	3rd	37	2:00	Slashing	15:41	1		15:41			3	de la Gorgendiere, Aidan	3rd	18	2:00	High-Sticking	16:57	1		16:57	
	37	Tuch, Luke											4	Drysdale, Jamie									
	38	Slaggert, Landon											5	Teny, Zack									
	39	Peterson, Dylan											7	Sebrango, Donovan									
	40	Gallatin, Owen											8	Smith, Spencer									
	43	Kleven, Tyler											10	Valade, Reid									
	44	Kelley, Connor											11	Lawrence, Josh									
	45	Beniers, Matthew											12	Foudy, Jean-Luc									
	46	Powell, Eamon											14	Finley, Jack									
	47	Bordeleau, Thomas											15	Crnkovic, Kyle									
	48	Sanderson, Jake											16	Beaudoin, Charles									
	49	Strand, Hunter											17	Wiesblatt, Ozzy									
	51	Latsch, Tanner											18	Cuyllle, Will									
	52	Berard, Brett											19	Byfield, Quinton									
	53	Yoder, Chase											20	O'Rourke, Ryan									
	54	Laatsch, Daniel											21	Helliwell, Ryan									
	55	Truscott, Jacob											22	Hardie, James									
	56	Biondi, Blake											23	Roy, Pier-Olivier									
	59	Smilanic, Ty											24	Tullio, Tyler									

UNITED STATES Goals			UNITED STATES PLAYERS (plus)			CANADA BLACK PLAYERS (minus)			CANADA BLACK Goals			CANADA BLACK PLAYERS (plus)			UNITED STATES PLAYERS (minus)		
Per.	Time	G-As1-As2							Per.	Time	G-As1-As2						
1st	:38	51-47-34							2nd	4:01	15						
1st	7:52	56-34-51							2nd	7:29	17-14-15						
3rd	11:58	38-56-39							2nd	8:37	19-10-20						
3rd	17:45	PP 46-47							2nd	18:14	18-23-3						
									3rd	18:29	20-4-19						

POWER PLAY OPPORTUNITIES		SCORING				GOALTENDER/SAVES (Time)				On		Off		OFFICIALS	
UNITED STATES	1 / 4	2	0	2	4	USA - Comusso (60:00) (L)	5	9	5	19	/0:00	3rd/20:00		Referee:	
CANADA BLACK	0 / 4	0	4	1	5	CAN-B - Vrbetic (60:00) (W)	14	6	7	27	/0:00	3rd/20:00		Referee:	
PENALTY SUMMARY		Stars of the Game				TIME OF GAME:						Linesman:			
UNITED STATES	8 min / 4 inf	-				Start:				3:37 PM		Linesman:			
CANADA BLACK	8 min / 4 inf	-				End:				5:52 PM					
POINT SUMMARY		-				Attendance:									
UNITED STATES	4 G + 7 A = 11 Pts														
CANADA BLACK	5 G + 8 A = 13 Pts														
CERTIFIED CORRECT															
This report has been checked and is accurate.															

This report has been checked and verified against the Official World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Game Report.