



PLAYED AT: Encana Events Centre

Date: Dec 12, 2019

**GAME NOTES:** CZECHS BEAT WEST, CLUNCH SEMIFINAL SPOT. JASON LA ROSE DAWSON CREEK, B.C. – Matej Morong scored two of the four Czech Republic goals in the first 13 minutes, and the Czechs held off a wild Canada West comeback attempt to earn a 4-3 win Thursday and a semifinal spot at the 2019 World Junior A Challenge. The victory completes the playoff puzzle – the Czechs will join the United States, Russia and Canada East in the final four, while Canada West will be the team on the outside looking in. Morong finished with three points for the European side, which got 23 saves from Jan Skorpik. The opening 40 minutes were a tale of two periods, with each team dominating a frame. The Czechs owned the first, chasing Matthew Davis (Calgary, Alta./Spruce Grove, AJHL) – who posted a shutout in a 1-0 win over Russia on Wednesday – before the midway mark of the period. Filip Prikl needed just 2:29 to start the scoring, tapping in a rebound after a David Jindra shot bounced off a Canadian defenceman and then Davis in front of the net. Morong got his first at 6:48, beating Davis under the arm, and Daniel Poizl floated a point shot through a maze of bodies and past Davis at 9:34 to end the West netminder's night after just eight shots. Morong welcomed Carter Gylander (Beaumont, Alta./Sherwood Park, AJHL) with the 4-0 goal at 12:27, rifling a one-timer over the glove. The story was much different in the second period for Canada West, which struck for three goals in six-and-a-half minutes to turn a runaway into a nail-biter. Kyle Johnson (Port Moody, B.C./Trail, BCHL) finally got the Canadians on the board at 12:22, finding space behind the Czech defence and going five-hole on the backhand to beat Skorpik, and he found Philippe Lapointe (Hinsdale, Ill./Trail, BCHL) alone at the side of the net for a power-play goal less than two minutes later. Carter Savoie (St. Albert, Alta./Sherwood Park, AJHL) made it a one-goal game late in the second stanza, sneaking a low shot past Skorpik to give the Canadians all the momentum heading to the third. But they could not find the tying goal despite dominating puck possession in the final 20 minutes – including a pair of power plays in the last 10 – and will miss out on the semifinals for just the third time in the 14-year history of the tournament. The Czechs, who sit second in the standings with one day of prelim play to go, wrap up their round-robin schedule against Canada East on Friday night (7 p.m. MT).

**Visiting Home**  
**Team:** Team:  
 Canada Czech  
 West Republic  
 Head Head  
 Coach: Coach:  
 Joe Miroslav  
 Martin Prerost  
 AssistantAssistant  
 Coach: Coach:  
 Scott Rostislav  
 Barney Viach  
 Assistant  
 Coach:  
 Clayton  
 Jardine

CANADA WEST LINEUP			CANADA WEST PENALTIES									CZECH REPUBLIC LINEUP			CZECH REPUBLIC 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	1	Gylander, Carter	1st	20	2:00	Delay of Game	18:18	1		18:18		G	1	Dobes, Jakub	2nd	22	2:00	Hooking	6:30	1		6:24	
G	31	Davis, Matthew	1st	5	2:00	Cross-Checking	19:55	1		19:55		G	2	Skorpik, Jan	2nd	5	10:00	10-Minute Misconduct	12:22			12:22	
	2	Benning, Michael	2nd	6	2:00	Tripping	0:17	1		0:15			3	Rutar, Adam									
	3	Ceulemans, Corson	2nd	20	2:00	Roughing	17:13			17:13			4	Siller, Albert									
	4	Connor, Powell											5	Kowalczyk, Daniel									
	5	Lund, Ethan											6	Poizl, Daniel									
	6	Henry, Xavier											7	Cernohorsky, Jakub									
	7	Murray, Owen											8	Malik, Zack									
	8	Edwards, Ethan											9	Volrab, Ondrej									
	9	Budy, Brendan											10	Prikryl, Filip									
	10	Savoie, Carter											11	Bemat, Tomas									
	11	Lapointe, Philippe											12	Jindra, David									
	12	Rizzo, Massimo											13	Rychlovsky, Jakub									
	14	Poisson, Nicholas											14	Psenicka, Ondrej									
	15	Loney, Carter											15	Prindl, Marek									
	16	Young, Alex											17	Poppel, Petr									
	18	Kovich, Kyler											18	Morong, Matej									
	19	Scardina, Ethan											19	Barinka, Marcel									
	20	Ozar, Owen											20	Najman, Adam									
	21	Mylymok, Luke											21	Vsetecka, Robin									
	23	Johnson, Kent											22	Jelinek, Simon									
													23	Klapka, Adam									

CANADA WEST Goals			CANADA WEST PLAYERS (plus)					CZECH REPUBLIC PLAYERS (minus)					CZECH REPUBLIC Goals			CZECH REPUBLIC PLAYERS (plus)					CANADA WEST PLAYERS (minus)				
Per.	Time	G-As1-As2											Per.	Time	G-As1-As2										
2nd	12:22		23-11-21										1st	2:29	10-12-22										
2nd	14:06	PP	11-23-12										1st	6:48	18-13-11										
2nd	18:51		10-9-12										1st	9:34	6-18-7										
													1st	12:27	18-17-11										

POWER PLAY OPPORTUNITIES			SCORING				GOALTENDER/SAVES (Time)				On				Off				OFFICIALS			
			1	2	3	Total													Referee:			
CANADA WEST		1 / 3				3	CAN-W - Davis (9:34)		5	0	0	5	/0:00	1st/9:34					Referee:			
CZECH REPUBLIC		0 / 3				4	CAN-W - Gylander (48:34) (L)		4	11	3	18	/9:34	3rd/18:08					Referee:			
							CZE - Skorpik (60:00) (W)		8	8	7	23	/0:00	3rd/20:00					Linesman:			
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PENALTY SUMMARY			Stars of the Game				TIME OF GAME:				CERTIFIED CORRECT											
CANADA WEST		8 min / 4 inf	-				Start:															
CZECH REPUBLIC		43 min / 7 inf	-				End:															
			-				Attendance:															
POINT SUMMARY																						
CANADA WEST		3 G + 6 A = 9 Pts																				
CZECH REPUBLIC		4 G + 8 A = 12 Pts																				

This report has been checked and verified against the Official World Junior A Challenge Game Report.