

Team Wisconsin claws back to tie Michigan, 2-2

In a game that featured furious back and forth action, big hits, and good goaltending, Team Wisconsin fought back from a 2-1 deficit and scored late in the second period to earn a 2-2 tie with Team Michigan Friday night at The Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, IL.

Team Michigan (TM) got on the board first just 1:39 into the first when Jacob Friedman skated down the left side, beat the defenseman, and then backhanded the puck past a surprised Team Wisconsin (TW) goalie Brady Sand high on the stick side to give TM an early 1-0 lead.

TW put 13 shots on net in the first period as the score was 1-0 in favor of TM, who managed five shots in the first.

The Boys from Badgerland worked hard in the opening minutes of the second period, but TM goalie Adam Janecyk stood on his head and kept the puck out of the net.

Gavin Hartzog scored for TW on a rebound at 6:23 of the period when he pushed back a rebound in the low slot area. David Donnellan and Trent Frey got assists on the play.

TM grabbed the lead again at 9:06 when Josh Miller skated from the left corner and ripped a shot as a TW defenseman was dragged down. The shot beat Sand high on the glove side for a 2-1 TM lead.

Kyle Popovics tied the game with 1:15 left in the period on a put back rebound. The score was a result of a great team effort, with players working hard to get position and to get their sticks on the puck. Jefferson Dahl got the helper on the power play goal.

TW led in shots, 8-6 in the second.

The third period was scoreless and the best chance for a TW score was with about five minutes left when Nate Condon's shot rebounded out into the slot, but Frey was unable to get to the puck as he crashed the net hard before Janecyk covered the puck.

The shots in the third were identical to the second, 8-6 in favor of TW.

Janecyk ended with 27 saves, while Sand saved 15 for TW.

Team Wisconsin will face Team Colorado Saturday morning at 10:00am in quarterfinal action.