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Blades Sharp In Defeating Panthers

Lewis Center, OH – Only one point separated the second-seed Panthers and the fourth-seed Blades in the season standings. The Blades whacked the Clown Punchers 3-0 in Round 1 while the Panthers scratched out a tough win over GBTB 6-4. Friday's Round 2 game was considered a toss up with neither team expected to dominate.

Just a few minutes into the game it was obvious this would be a physical struggle between evenly matched teams. Since neither team could deliver a blow on the scoreboard, things got testy. With the period not even half played the refs handed out a misconduct, an unsportsmanlike, a roughing and a slashing. They took control of the game early, and things quieted down for the most part after that.

At the break it was knotted at zero.

Early in the second period Kevin Broyer of the Blades cut through the Panthers D and hit pay dirt. Two minutes later, the Blades struck again off Mike Bambeck's goal. Up 2-0, the Blades were content to let the Panthers chase the puck and work the clock.

Period three was more of the same with the Blades taking a defensive posture and the Panthers desperate to find some offense. They never did find the scoring touch, and Blades 'tender Brian Prescott earned a shutout.

The Dirty Dozen – Train Them, Excite Them, Arm Them... Then Turn Them Loose on the Blades

Lewis Center, OH – The Dirty Dozen set out to divide and conquer the Mamas & Papas in Friday's Round 2 battle. The Dozen won the Commissioner's Cup as the top team in the regular season. The Mamas & Papas were the sixth seed but were coming off a close but impressive win over the three-seed in Round 1. The Dirty ones were favored in this one and they cleaned up as expected.

Through the first period it was evenly matched. The Dozen struck first off Andrew Kiger's even strength tally. The Parents answered with a goal from Damaris "Mister" Rogers to tie it up. To this point each team had solid backstopping from King Wong of the Dozen and Matt Genette of the Mamas & Papas. At the first break it seemed the game might prove to be closer than anticipated.

It stayed that way early in the second until Eric Schnable found the back of the net for the Dozen to take the lead. But that was it for the period as again both goaltenders stood tall and the teams played evenly.

Midway through the final period the Dirty Dozen attacked the net which resulted in two more goals, both from Brandon Moskal. That was it as the Dozen marched on to victory and a place in Friday's Championship against the Blades.

Friday's championship between the Blades and the Dirty Dozen takes place April 28 at 8pm, Chiller North. Should be a good one.

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