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Real McCoys bounce back with win over Stars

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It's anyone's Allan Cup to win.

The four Canadian senior AAA contenders for Sir Montague Allan's historic mug all enter the third and final round of the preliminaries at 1-1.

That was the result after the host Dundas Real McCoys rebounded from an embarrassing opening night loss to beat Ile-des-Chênes North Stars 5-3 last night at the J. L. Grightmire Arena.

Dundas plays Lancaster Aquarius ThunderCats tonight while Ile-des-Chênes takes on Stony Plain. With all teams tied at 1-1, one team will win a bye into the Saturday night final with the conclusion of the preliminaries. And for one team, the tournament will be over. The other two will play a semi-final match tomorrow.

The Real McCoys were paced by Terry Lammens' two-goal effort in besting the slick- skating, high-powered Northstars. Mark Jooris, Norm Dezainde and Conrade Thomas added singles for Dundas while former NHLer Pat Falloon notched two goals for the Manitoba club, while Chris Low had the other tally.

The Valley Town was threatening to become Death Valley tonight for the Dundas Real McCoys. A second loss after a Tuesday night defeat to the Stony Plain Eagles would have left the Real McCoys with the embarrassing prospect of being eliminated from the tournament they were hosting. It can still happen, but at least Ken Mann's club enters its Lancaster match tonight with some momentum.



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Mann said the fact one club will hit the jackpot tonight and win a bye to the final while another will go home is a little scary.

"It is a little scary, but you know what, that is what we're all here for. The best in the east, the best in the west and the best in the central. I guess the teams are pretty even which is good for the tournament and good for the competition," he said.

As they did in their first game loss to Stony Plain, dumb penalties continued to plague Dundas and the team paid a price.

With Real McCoys' Greg Pajor off for interference, Ile-des- Chênes' sniper Falloon took a nice pass from Kelly Glowa to open the scoring.

It took the Real McCoys some seven and half minutes to fire their first shot on goal, but Thomas finally got the home team cooking with a nice deflection from in front of North Stars' netminder Scott Cameron to even things at 1-1.

But Falloon put the Manitoba club back out in front, this time with McCoys' captain Dezainde in the penalty box for cross-checking.

Dundas came back, however, and Lammens took a nice feed from David Aussem to beat Cameron from in front to knot the score at 2-2 after the first period. But Lammens scored his second of the night at 5:12 of the second, sweeping in from the left side to beat Cameron on the far side.

Dezainde took a beautiful feed in front from Mark Jooris to put the Real McCoys in front by two at 12:11.

Mann said the Real McCoys' penalty box parade remains a key concern.

"It is a concern because they (Ile- des-Chênes) scored three power- play goals all from centre ice penalties that you shouldn't take. We keep addressing it. We hope it sinks in before this thing is all over," he said.

Jooris scored in the third to give the Dundas club some breathing room. But Low beat Dundas goalie Joe Harris on the power play at 12:43 to keep it close.

Dezainde, named Dundas player of the game, said the his club came to play against the North stars. "The effort was 150 per cent. Everyone played as hard as they could. Tonight we got some great bounces," he said.

North Stars' coach Ken Schneider gave full credit to Dundas for the win.

But he added his players may have been prematurely eyeing a bye after defeating Lancaster 6-3 in the opening game.

"Watching the previous game and seeing Lancaster upset Stony Plain maybe we got it into our head that if we win this one (against Dundas) then we're really in the driver's seat."

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Schneider said Dundas provided no surprises.

Notes: McCoys' Ryan Toucher missed last night's game and won't be available tonight. Toucher was assessed a two-game suspension after receiving a gross misconduct Tuesday.

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