



We saw both semi finals pushed into a game 3 decider, the Jets and the Vikings moving on to the grand final.

In a surprising Saturday night finish, the Sharks did the unthinkable taking a game off the Jets and forcing the series into a game 3. We knew after last week that the Sharks had a point to prove. A point that they deserved to be in the semi finals and were capable of more. For the first 3 quarters of this game, the Sharks were the ones in charge. They started off well and continued to put the distance between themselves and the Jets. They led by 2, then 5 and finished off the 3rd in front by 8. Everything was looking the goods for the Sharks but the game was due to get gloomy. 3 minutes into the 4th, the Jets had already levelled up the scores and from this point on, the lead interchanged between the two. With 1.20 left on the clock, Chloe Jackson hit a shot to put the Jets in front by 1 but down the other end, Abbey Toohey did the same to take back the game for the Sharks. Shots were put up by the Jets in the dying seconds but they were unsuccessful, the Jets going down by 1. Charlie Dobson finished with 16 and 5. Chloe Angove top scored with 28 and 6.

To begin game 3, the Jets were not making the same mistake of allowing the Sharks a good start. Instead it was the Jets themselves who took the head start, 14 to 6. It took another quarter for the Sharks to settle in, only managing 5 in the 2nd. This gave the Jets more of a lead, now out to 19 at the half time break. Although the Sharks put together a double figure quarter in the 3rd, it was no match for the Jets 21 points. This put them in an even better position heading into the final quarter. The game was more on a level playing field in the 4th but unfortunately, there was nothing the Sharks could

do to make up the loss, the Jets propelling themselves into the grand final. Emily Achter had 16, Adele Rogers adding the boards with 14. Shanara Notman finished on 10.

The Vikings headed into their game 2 clash on Saturday night knowing that this was a must win game and in knowing so they got straight to business leading from the start. It was a close opening quarter but the Vikings managed to add some more distance in the 2nd going 19 to the Cavs 10. At the half way mark, the Vikings held an 11 point lead and were looking strong. But as the 3rd quarter got underway, the Cavs started their claw back. It was only minimal but they were on their way. It was then in the 4th where the Cavs really made their move dropping 21 to the Vikings 13. Unfortunately this wasn't enough for the win, but it at least made the margin more bearable. Andrea Belmonte finished with 14 and 6 and 2 assists, Amy Coen had 12 and 5. Peta Rhodes top scored with 20 and 5, Tess Young had 13 and 10 and 2 assists and Sarsha Cadle capped it off with 10 and 10.

The decider turned out to be an incredible display, the game needing OT to crown the winner. Once again it was another close start, but it was the Vikings who took the early edge. It was an even 2nd quarter, the Vikings holding on to lead by 3 at half time. With only 3 points in it, it was still anyone's game. The Cavs took up the challenge in the 3rd, winning the quarter to level out the scores at three quarter time. This remained the same in the 4th, the game heading into a cracking OT decider. The lead swapped and changed throughout, the lead in the hands of the Cavs until the 8 second mark. Sarah Boras took it upon herself to win this game for her Vikings, nailing a lay up for the W. Andrea Belmonte backed up well with 17 and 13, Sarah Boras with 10. Steph Leclerc also finished with 17, Rebecca Peacock also with 10.

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