

Thunder Bay Stars Down Japanese Club

FORT WILLIAM (CP) — An early advantage and superior goaltending Tuesday carried the Thunder Bay Junior Hockey League All-Stars to a 5-3 victory over a touring Japanese team before 2,200 fans.

The All-Stars bounced to a 4-2 first period margin after the visitors failed to click on an early penalty situation that gave them a two-man advantage. The teams traded goals in the second period and then played a scoreless and penalty-free third.

John Sgambelluri scored two goals for the winners with the rest contributed by Vic Venasky, Lei Hartvikson and Brian Vesio. Isanu Iwata potted two for Japan and Mel Wakabayashi chipped in with the other.

The visiting team had a commanding edge early when Murray Wing drew a penalty at 0:24 seconds and Joe Miller followed him off at 1:24. The Japanese crew failed to get a shot on goal during the two minutes while the All-Stars got four away. Only six penalties were called throughout the contest.

All-Stars scored three goals before the 10-minute mark of the first period but Japan showed a spark of life in the next four minutes outscoring the All-Stars 2-1.

The second period goals were 35 seconds apart.

Japan applied pressure in the third period but were unable to find a weakness in the All-Star nets. The All-Stars goaltending duties were shared by Moe Trewin and Ed Balina.

Thomas Haugh went the distance in the Japanese net.

