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Dokakis's efforts in vain as Gibson leads Sharks to 5th straight win
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Dubai, It was a cracker of a game early on Saturday morning as the Penguins and Sharks played out a thriller which was eventually won by the Sharks.

The Sharks were severally depleted in term of regular players as tournament-hero Diego Kleckner (off vacationing in Thailand) and Jason Eid (injured in a surfing incident) were missing from their lineup.

Like so many times before, Drew Gibson got the Sharks underway, when he slipped by the Penguins defense and pulled of a sweet deke to fool goaltender Mathew Jones, and score the first goal of the game.

Moments later, the Penguins came close to tying it up when Alexi Msays fed Mohamed in front of the net, but his shot was neatly saved by goaltender Stephen Doucette.

Half way through the opening period, winger Ronan Twidle doubled the Sharks lead by beating Jones with a wicked wrist shot that found the corner of the goal.

The period ended with the Sharks in command of the game with a 2-0 lead, and the Penguins knowing that they had to hitch up their socks if they wanted to stay competitive in the game.

The second and final period started off on a more positive note for the them; David Dokakis had a couple of chances to score before finally putting one away to get the Penguins to within one. The goal was assisted by Ammar Suleman, who was on a one game contract from the Bantam Maple Leafs. Ammar made a little bit of history as well, becoming the youngest player to play for the Midget division at 14 years and 43 days.

Shortly after, Toby Oakley of the Penguins played a picture perfect two-on-one with Mohamed, but the Tanzanian winger's finish pinged off the post.

Against the run of play, Eric Zurcher restored the Sharks two goal cushion when he received a tape to tape pass from Swede Alex Caneborg in the slot, and fired his shot home.

Olivier VanDurme got one back for the Penguins, scoring off a nifty deke whilst on a breakaway.

With the time ticking down and the game slowly slipping away from the Penguins, goaltender Mathew Jones kept the Penguins in it by making a stunning glove save off Drew Gibson, and then following it up with a blinder of a pad save off Ronan Twidle.

The Penguins offence took heart from Jones's saves, and started getting some chances of their own. Mohamed sent Dokakis on his way, but his breakaway attempt was miraculously kept out by goaltender Stephen Doucette. "It was a super save," said the Sharks forward Drew Gibson after the game. "If they had scored there, it could have been curtains for us."

Although the Penguins pulled their goalie in the last minute of the game, there was to be no last minute drama and the Sharks held on for a well deserved victory, their fifth consecutively.

