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Gibson stars as Sharks continue to dominate
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Dubai, The Sharks recorded yet another win at the Dubai Mall when they defeated the floundering Penguins on Saturday morning.

Although the Penguins were plagued with a spate of absentees, they put up a respectable show in the face of a raging Sharks outfit. Goaltender Mathew Jones (in Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympics) and Swede David Dokakis (sidelined with an ACL injury) both missed out on Saturdays game.

Jones's absence meant that Bantam goaltender Antonin Blecha was handed a one game contract, and played in goal for the Penguins. The youngster put on a stellar performance as he was bombarded with shots from a powerful Shark's lineup consisting of Drew Gibson, Jason Eid, Eric Zurcher, Ronan Twidle, and others.

Drew Gibson opened up the scoring early in the first period when he danced around the Penguins defense, and shelved his wrist shot over Blecha's shoulder for his 20th goal of the season.

Number 21 followed soon after for Gibson, this time after treating the Penguins like bright orange pylons, he pulled off a sweet deke and slid home his second of the game.

Center-man Jason Eid made it three zip shortly after, when he took a bullet-like wrist shot from the slot that found the back of the goal.

The Sharks truly dominated the first period, not allowing the Penguins to gather any kind of momentum and at the same time launching shot after shot on their goal.

The second period saw the Penguins mount an improbable comeback. Kirsty Evans and Alexi Msays combined to set up Mohamed in front of the net, and he beat goaltender Stephen Doucette to cut the lead to two.

The Penguins continued to attack and had a few close chances, but Doucette was up to the task, making several tight saves to keep the flightless black and white birds at sea.



Above: Antonin Blecha (center) and Mohamed (right) look on as Drew Gibson (unseen) scores his third.
Picture: Ammar Suleman

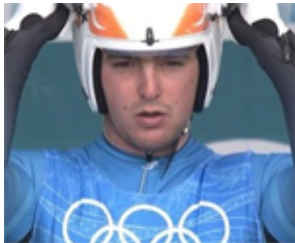
But Drew Gibson drove any thoughts of a comeback out of the Penguins minds, when he scored two goals in quick succession. The first one was a powerplay goal, and the second being a dandy repeat of his first one.

The Penguins Olivier VanDurme scored a neat consolation goal for the Penguins, before breaking a skate and missing the rest of the game.

Drew ended the game with four goals and an assist. His recent showings have been extremely impressive, and have become a constant worry for the Penguins. "He's like a disease," said one Penguins player after the game, "He's everywhere, one second he's fore-checking, and the next second he's back-checking."

Gibson, however, remained humble about his performances. "I'd like to dedicate my goals to Nodar Kumaritashvili, the twenty-one year old Georgian luger who died in Vancouver today at the Olympics," said Gibson after the game.

The teams will meet again at the Dubai Mall next Saturday at 9 am.



**In the memory of Nodar Kumaritashvili
1988 - 2010**

Mohamed Suleman (a.k.a. Mohamed Mohamed)