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Toronto Six Come Short In A Shootout, Falling To Metropolitan Riveters In Second Half Of Season Series

Brittany Howard scores game-tying goal in second, but can't get team out of mud as Six drop first game on home ice

On December 10, at Canlan Sports - York, the [Toronto Six](#) (women's pro hockey team) fell to the Metropolitan Riveters in shootout by a final score of 3-2 in the third of four meetings on the 2022-23 PHF calendar.

"I think we had a slow start and could have been a little bit better there from the get-go," said defender Alexis Woloschuk. "I think at the end of the day, it was the little things. We were close, we hung in there, but I think maybe we needed to get some bounces, maybe we needed to win a couple more bounces, but those little things, hopefully we can touch it up tomorrow and come up with that win."

Trailing 1-0 early after Amanda Pelkey broke open the scoring for the Riveters, Dominika Laskova wired a laser top shelf on the power play, tallying her second goal of the season to even the score in the opening period.

"Honestly, it was a power play goal, I passed it to Lexi [Templeman], and Lexi just gave me a cross-pass back and I had an open net," the defender said of her tally after the game. "I was a little nervous that I was going to miss it, but it was an easy thing to do, just putting it into the open net."

After Reagan Rust put her team up 2-1 with her first goal of the season midway through the second frame, league leading scorer Brittany Howard leveled the playing surface again five minutes later, tallying her eighth of the season to knot things up heading into the third period.

"I think during that shift, we were just winning battles," explained Howard after the game. "We got a shot on net, were winning these battles and retaining possession, and then we were able to get a puck from [Michela] Cava behind the net to the dot, and I was able to shoot and score, so it's definitely something we want to keep rolling on and moving forward within the season."

"We were down, and I think Brit definitely always makes an effort to get us those good goals," said defender Saroya Tinker of her fellow teammate's performance. "She's our goal scorer and we know that she can do that. That's why we put her on the ice, and obviously she got us a good second one today to tie it up, and it was a necessity. Thank you Brit!"

While netting a critical goal to keep her team in the game, Toronto struggled to find twine, leading the tilt into overtime, and the onwards to a shootout, where Minttu Tuominen beat Elaine Chuli five-hole to hand the Six their first loss in franchise history on home ice.

"I think it has to be a sixty-minute game from our end," commented Laskova after the game. "I think that we were off and on during the whole game, and if we can play the whole sixty minutes the way we did against Boston, I think we're going to do so much better and be more productive."

"I think we just have to start working hard again and just put the work in because we know we can do it," the defender continued. "It's a home game, and obviously the fans always help to drive us. I think

tomorrow it's a new game, a new day, and a new team, so we just have to prove ourselves and do our best."

"Obviously, during a long season like this, you're going to have your lows. I think we just have to keep rolling," Howard remarked after the shootout loss. "I think we have the culture in the change room that we're going to demonstrate that tomorrow and play a full sixty minutes."

Making her fifth start of the regular season, Elaine Chuli made 36 saves between the pipes in the losing effort.

"I think Elaine stood on her head tonight," said Woloschuk after the game. "I think we probably could have helped her out a bit more than we did. I think she played incredible from the get-go right through until the shootout. We're grateful to have her back there, and I don't think she could have done much more for us. It was a really good game from her."

The Toronto Six look to get back in the win column again on Sunday afternoon, as they face the Riveters in the series finale at 2:00 p.m. EST. The game will be available for viewing on ESPN+ in the United States, and on TSN Direct for viewers tuning in across Canada.

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About The Toronto Six

The Toronto Six (The 6ix) is a professional women's hockey team. As girls and Women's Hockey registration in Canada continues to grow, The 6ix are on a mission to drive change for women (players, fans, and sponsors) by offering an elevated experience on the ice, in the locker room, and throughout our communities. The 6ix aims to be the gold standard in women's hockey, and to create the model for a sustainable sports organization that also serves as a platform for gender equity in sports and beyond. The 6ix aim to do this by EDUCATING about a new way to look at, consume and support women's professional sports, EMPOWERING women to take risks, skate outside the lines, and build meaningful confidence in sports and beyond, and INCLUDING people of diverse backgrounds and opinions.