Hockey — Scotland Women v Ireland Women, November Test Series, Match 2

Scotland go down fighting at Glasgow Green

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It was disappointment for Scotland women in Glasgow as Ireland came from behind to score a dramatic late winner and secure a 2-1 win.

Heather Lang sent Scotland into the lead 14 minutes into the second half, however Elena Tice equalised for Ireland with five minutes remaining, and Jessica McMaster made it 2-1 with just half a minute to go.

The first half was a subdued affair, with neither side creating too many clear-cut chances. Ireland arguably had the better of the half, and looked threatening from a couple of penalty corners.

Rebecca Condie came closest for Scotland in the first half, forcing the Ireland goalkeeper into action. The hosts were let off, however, when Ireland's Emma Russell failed to connect with a cross which would have almost certainly sent the visitors into the lead.

The second half saw more action, with Ireland's Chloe Brown finding herself through on goal shortly after the game was restarted. The ball was cleared, but the away side threatened again as a deflected effort forced Scotland's goalkeeper into making a save.

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While Ireland had looked dangerous, it was the hosts who were

able to find an opening goal, courtesy of a cross from Mairi Drummond which eventually found its way to goal scorer Lang.

It appeared as if Scotland would be able to secure a win, however a pass out from defence which was intercepted in midfield led to a penalty corner for Ireland. An impressive exchange of play between Ireland's Elena Tice and Chloe Brown resulted in Tice levelling the score.

The goal buoyed the away side, and they pressed for a winner in the final few minutes of the game. Jessica McMaster threatened with a minute remaining, her effort just going wide. It appeared as if the game would end even, yet McMaster found herself in a dangerous position once again and was able to seal a win for Ireland with the last action of the game.

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