



## **Report: Detroit Waza Flo Pro 6 v. Stockton Cougars 7 (OT)**

The Detroit Waza Flo Pro staged one of the comebacks of the season but fell just short losing to the Stockton Cougars 7-6 in overtime in a thrilling encounter at Compuware Arena.

Stockton jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first half, but Waza made adjustments at halftime and came out full of life. Goals by Adam Nesbitt and Blake Ordell cut the lead in half. Late in the third quarter Daniel Trosper snuck behind the Cougars back-line and fired a shot into the roof of the net to score shorthanded, igniting the crowd and shifting the momentum in Waza's favor.

Aaron Susi restored the two goal lead with five seconds left in the third quarter and Majell Aterado finished off a counter attack 1:56 into the final frame to restore the three goal lead for the visitors.

Waza did not put its head down and continued to fight and Player/coach Dominic Scicluna brought Waza back within two when he redirected Darrell Quinn's shot 5:06 into the fourth quarter. Rogerio Oliveria then tucked the ball home at the far post following an end to end run by Ryan Mallord to bring Waza within one. Scicluna completed the comeback with a little over four minutes left to go on the clock when his quick toe poke caught Stockton keeper Jesus Molina off guard.

Waza had a chance to clinch the match in normal time as Tommy Eller had a break away with the clock running down, but Eller's shot went agonizingly wide and hit the glass to the right of the goal as time expired.

Waza still looked the more determined of the two sides in overtime, but were shorthanded as Scicluna took a penalty with less than a minute to go in normal time and was given a yellow card for decent as he walked towards the sin-bin meaning he had to sit for a full five minutes.

Stockton took full advantage as Lilavois completed his hat-trick, one-timing Nelson Santana's feed past the disparaging dive of Waza goalkeeper Brian Alenky for the game winner 1:42 into overtime.

"I'm real proud of the way our guys kept their heads up and continued to fight for the entire match," Scicluna said after the match. "We beat Eastern Conference leaders 1790 Cincinnati in our last match and we took the Western Conference leaders to overtime. That just shows you that we are a solid team who can compete with anyone in this league."

Waza has 12 day break, but their schedule does not get any easier as they face 1790 Cincinnati (10-2) on Friday, February 20th at 4:15 P.M. at Compuware Arena.