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Canada Beats Latvia, Sets Up Hockey Semifinal Against U.S.

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Defending champion Canada takes on the U.S. at 9 p.m. on Friday.

SOCHI — Shea Weber's late goal saved Canada from potential embarrassment in a hard-fought 2-1 win over Latvia and set up an Olympic semifinal with the U.S.

Lights-out goaltending from Kristers Gudlevskis in Wednesday's game kept Latvia in the game even as the small Baltic nation was outshot 57-16 by Canada's NHL titans.

The Latvians were eventually beaten on 13:03 of the third period when Weber fired a slapshot from the point for the game-winning goal.

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