

## Pioneers off to Nanaimo for semi-finals

# Best of five WCSLA series opens Friday night on Island with game two on Sunday in Ladner

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Ladner Pioneers will host Nanaimo Sunday in game two of the WCSLA semi-finals. Game time is 5 p.m. Photograph By Mark Booth

Ladner Pioneers will head north on their Vancouver Island playoff adventure after sweeping Victoria in a best-of-three quarter-final series.

The Pioneers advanced to the West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association semi-finals following an 8-7 win in the provincial capital on Sunday night. Ladner will now face the Nanaimo Timbermen in a best-of-five affair starting Friday on the Island. The teams will also be in Ladner on Sunday at 5 p.m. for game two.

Sam Clare's second goal of the game in the early stages of the third period provided the difference. Quinn Waddington scored twice, while Ryan Keith had a goal and five assists. Colton Dow, Mike Berekoff and Cam Summers rounded out the scoring.

Rob Cook made 37 saves for the win.

The Pioneers had opened the series one night earlier with a 10-7 home floor win. Nate Clare had six points, including a pair of goals. His younger brother Sam added two goals and three assists. Tyler Nett and Berekoff each scored twice.

The Timbermen and Pioneers finished regular season play with identical 9-4-1 records. Nanaimo earned home floor advantage thanks to winning both head-to-head meetings, including 9-8 home floor triumph on July 7. The other semi-final series will see regular season champion up against the surging North Shore Indians.