

Pioneers back in win column after edging Capitals

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The Ladner Pioneers jumped back into the win column with an 11-9 road victory over the Royal City Capitals on Saturday night at Queen's Park Arena.

The victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Pioneers.

With the win, the Pioneers moved back into second place in the West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association standings, just three points back of Langley with a game in hand.

Ladner scored early and often as Mike Berekoff opened the scoring just 13 seconds into the game. The Pioneers led 4-0 before Royal City got on the board with three straight, but Ladner continued its offensive push with two more goals to end the period with a 6-3 advantage.

The Capitals dominated most of the play in the second and managed to tie the score at 6-6 before the Pioneers restored its lead with a late goal.

The Pioneers outscored the Capitals 4-3 in the third period.

Berekoff and Quinn Waddington each had four goals on the night, while Colton Dow and Kyle Goundrey chipped in with a goal and four helpers apiece.

Nathan Wilson was stellar in net, stopping 36 of 45 shots. Ladner outshot Royal City 55-45.

Ladner's final regular season home game is Thursday, July 7 when the Pioneers entertain the Coquitlam Adanacs.

Face-off is set for 8 p.m. at the Ladner Leisure Centre.

The Pioneers wrapup the regular season with road games July 9 in Nanaimo and July 12 in Langley.

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