

Pioneers a win away from WCSLA finals

Ladner looks to complete three game sweep of Nanaimo on home floor Monday night

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Impressive rookie Tyler Kirkby had eight points, including a hat trick Friday night as the Ladner Pioneers rolled to a 17-8 road win over the Nanaimo Timbermen to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five WCSLA semi-final series. Photograph By Gord Goble

The Ladner Pioneers are a win away from the West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association championship series.

The Pioneers took full control of their best-of-five semi-final affair with a dominant 17-8 road win over the Nanaimo Timbermen on Friday night. The result came on the heels of an 8-6 home floor triumph 24 hours earlier in game one. The series continues Monday night, 7:30 p.m., at the Ladner Leisure Centre.

After holding off the Timbermen in the opener, the Pioneers blitzed the hosts with eight first period goals on Friday and never looked back. Their impressive youth was on full display led by eight points from rookie standout Tyler Kirkby, including a hat trick.

Nathan Clare enjoyed a five point night, including three goals, while Andrew Schwab, Colton Dow and Sam Clare each scored twice.

Spencer Bromley and Wyatt Pinder had a goal and three assists each.

Ryan Keith, Ethan Jones and Mike Avery rounded out the scoring.

Rob Cook and Kevin Hill combined for 32 saves as Ladner outshot Nanaimo 50-40.

The series opener was much tighter as Ladner shook off the rust from nearly a two week break.

Goals from Andrew Miller and Cody Clark pulled the Timbermen within a goal with 2:47 remaining, until David Yee sealed the outcome with an empty netter.

Bromley paced the attack with a goal and three assists. Nathan Clare scored twice.

The other WCSLA semi-final series has Royal City and Langley tied at 1-1. The Pioneers are trying to win their first league playoff title since 2007.

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