
Pioneers part of a logjam in WCSLA standings

Ladner likely to be sitting when fifth when it returns to action next week

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Mike Berekoff and the Ladner Pioneers have plenty of company around them in the WCSLA standings after back-to-back losses.
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When the Ladner Pioneers return from a 13-day layoff on June 19, they will likely find themselves in fifth place and part of a logjam in the West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association.

An 11-6 home floor loss to the Langley Warriors last Thursday only got more complicated with results over the weekend.

The Warriors proceeded to drop an 11-5 decision to Royal City on Saturday night in New West then forfeited their game on Sunday in the provincial capital against the Victoria Eagles.

At 6-2-0-1, the Coquitlam Adanacs now hold down second place thanks to a big 6-5 win over previously unbeaten Nanaimo (8-1-0) on Saturday. The surging Eagles (5-3-0) have moved into second thanks to wins over Ladner, Coquitlam and Langley in the past week.

Ladner (5-3-0) is one point ahead of Langley (4-4-0) but the Warriors take on the winless Valley Rebels on Friday before hosting the Pioneers four days later.

With the Canada Day roster deadline approaching, the Pioneers will get a lift offensively with the return of former Junior "A" Islander sniper Spencer Bromley who has been attending school back east. He is expected to make his debut in Langley.

The team also hopes to have defensive standouts Sam Clare and Mike Avery back in the line-up at some point this season. Both have yet to play due to injuries.

The loss to Langley saw the visitors score four unanswered goals in the opening period to take early control. They outscored Ladner 4-1 in the second to take a commanding six goal lead into the final 20 minutes.

Nate Clare, Mike Berekoff and Garrett Lewis each scored twice in a losing cause.