



Senior B Nanaimo Timbermen players Tyler Christianson, left, and Simon Stocks check Victoria Wolves opponent James Spence during Game 1 of the WCSLA playoffs on Wednesday at Frank Crane Arena. (GREG SAKAKI/The News Bulletin)

## Senior B Timbermen on to semifinals after first-round sweep

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The senior B Nanaimo Timbermen have swept their way into the semifinals.

Nanaimo's West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association team defeated the Victoria Wolves 10-4 on Friday on the road to win the first-round best-of-three series two games to none.

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"We all just knew that we wanted to close it out in two and didn't want to give them any sign of life," said Andrew Miller, T-men veteran. "So we all just came ready to play and it was a full team effort again, like Game 1."

Miller said all facets of Nanaimo's game were strong on Friday, backstopped by goalie Nick Patterson who is "playing unbelievable lacrosse right now."

Patterson made 36 saves as shots were 51-40 in favour of the T-men.

Miller led the offence with a hat trick, Darrin Wilson had two goals and Corey Shires dished four assists. Jon Diplock had a goal and two assists and Jake Mickelson, Graham Palmer, Shane Chalker and Travis Mickelson were other scorers.

Nanaimo's semifinal opponent is yet to be determined, but is expected to be the top-seeded Ladner Pioneers. Miller said Ladner is a tougher opponent than Victoria and so Nanaimo will have to step its game up to the next level. He anticipates a good series.

"We always seem to end up playing them at some point in the playoffs, so there's some history there and it will be a good, physical series," Miller said.

**GAME ON ...** Scheduling for the WCSLA semifinals is to be determined and will be posted on Twitter at [@BulletinSports](https://twitter.com/BulletinSports) when it becomes available.

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