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Valley Rebels split home opening weekend

Lacrosse team defeats Victoria in overtime, loses to Nanaimo to open home run

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After dropping their season opener, Abbotsford's [Valley Rebels](http://wcls.ca/valley/) (<http://wcls.ca/valley/>) lacrosse team thrilled the home crowd at [MSA Arena](http://www.abbotsford.ca/leisure/recreation/facilities.htm#MSA) (<http://www.abbotsford.ca/leisure/recreation/facilities.htm#MSA>) with a come-from-behind overtime win over the [Victoria Wolves](http://wcls.ca/victoria/index.html) (<http://wcls.ca/victoria/index.html>) on Friday.

The Rebels rallied from a 5-3 deficit and tied the game up at six to send the game to extra time.

Dylan Pollitt sealed the deal at 1:32 of the extra frame to give the Rebels their first West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association (<http://wcls.ca/index.html>) win since 2015. Pollitt and Nash Harrison led Rebels scoring with a pair of goals each, with Jeff Lissimore coming in off the bench in relief three minutes into the third period to earn the win between the pipes. He made 12 saves in total.

Ryan Harwood, Jesse Harrington and Travis Mowry scored the other goals for the Rebels. Ryan MacDonald had a team-high three assists.

The Rebels then hosted the Nanaimo Timbermen on Saturday afternoon for the club's lone home game at the Abbotsford (<http://www.abbotsfordcentre.ca/>)Centre (<http://www.abbotsfordcentre.ca/>). The Rebels jumped out to a 1-0 lead, but that would be the only time they were up all game as the Timbermen proved to be too much defeating the hosts 18-10.

Harwood had three goals and one assists to lead all Rebels scores, with Chris Veenstrsa (two), Pollitt, MacDonald, Brad Derksen, Matt Sweet and Harrington also adding goals. Goalie Devon Winter made 20 saves in a losing cause.

The Rebels sit tied for fourth in the WCSLA with a record of one win and two losses.

The team returns to the floor at MSA Arena tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. when they host the Royal City Capitals. The Rebels then welcome the Ladner Pioneers on May 24 at 8 p.m.

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