
Big final week in league play for Pioneers

Key home games against Coquitlam and Victoria will go a long way towards determining playoff position

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Two-way standout Nathan Clare continues to round into top form for the Ladner Pioneers since making his season debut two weeks ago, notching four points in a win over Royal City on the weekend. Ladner hosts Coquitlam on Thursday and Victoria on Sunday.
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The playoffs will start a week early for the Ladner Pioneers as they look to grab second place in the final West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association with two big home games.

The Pioneers currently sit in fifth place but can jump up all the way to second by winning their final three games and with a little help too.

Ladner (9-5-0) travels to Abbotsford Wednesday to take on the last place Valley Rebels (0-16-1) before returning home Thursday (8 p.m.) to face the second place Coquitlam Adanacs (10-4-1-1).

The Pioneers will close out their regular season schedule Sunday (5 p.m.) when the third place Victoria Wolves (9-5-1) are in town.

Ladner has won two previous meetings against Coquitlam while splitting a pair of games against the Wolves in the provincial capital.

The first place Nanaimo Timbermen (12-3-0) also will have a say in the Pioneers' destiny by hosting Victoria on Wednesday and Coquitlam on Saturday.

Ladner produced a much-needed 12-9 road win over the Royal City Capitals on Saturday night.

The hosts actually took a 7-6 lead into the final period when Ladner rallied with six goals.

Michael Berekoff led the way with five goals and Spencer Bromley added a hat trick. Sam Clare added four points, including a pair of goals, while his brother Nathan and Garrett Lewis also scored. Zach Wickett made 37 saves.