
Ladner Pioneers start playoffs Wednesday at home

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After clinching second place following an 8-5 win over Victoria in its final regular season game two weeks ago, Ladner earned a first round bye in the West Coast Senior Lacrosse playoffs.

Coquitlam beat Royal City 9-8 Sunday to win its series in three games and will be next up for the Pioneers.

Victoria knocked off Langley in the other first round series and will square off against top seed Nanaimo.

Coquitlam finished just two points behind Ladner in the standings and although Ladner beat Coquitlam in all three of their regular season match-ups, Pioneers head coach Ross Frehlick said they can't take the Adanacs lightly.

"They're going to be a tough opponent coming off a big series win for them against Royal City," said Frehlick. "We can't look at what we did during the regular season. Playoffs are a different season and we have to come out ready to play."

He said good goaltending will be a key to getting a series win.

"Every aspect of our game has to be good," he said. "If we win this series and Nanaimo takes care of Victoria, we are in the President's Cup, so it's a big series for us. All 25 guys have to be ready to go. We have to come out hard and take care of our own floor. Hopefully we get some fans out to support us. Having three of the possible five games at Ladner Arena is huge for us."

Game one is Wednesday night in Ladner, game two is Saturday in Coquitlam with game three July 30 back in Ladner. Both home games start at 8 p.m.

If a game four is needed, it would be back in Coquitlam on Aug. 1 with a potential game five in Ladner on Aug. 2.