

Adanacs stop Shamrocks in chippy affair

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When they couldn't match the Coquitlam Adanacs' firepower, the visiting Victoria Shamrocks decided to spark something else.

Playing with the impetuous demeanor of an Ottawa politician, the Shamrocks tried to turn a fine lacrosse game into a low-ball affair. Fortunately for local boxla fans, the Adanacs did its best not to bite, and walked away with an 8-5 victory on Saturday.

Coquitlam bolted out with three unanswered goals in the opening frame, as Dane Dobbie, Trent Smalley and Jason Wulder put the home team in the driver's seat. Victoria closed the gap in the second period with a pair of markers before the midway point.

But the Adanacs got a key powerplay tally from Wulder to halt the visitor's run. Although the 'Rocks pulled back within a goal just 13 seconds after Wulder's marker, they couldn't contain Dobbie, who rocketed home an amazing behind-the-back shot four feet off the crease.

Tim Campeau and Andy Secore sandwiched goals around an Island tally, with Steve McKinlay capping the Adanac scoring with 5:35 to play. While the 'Rocks added a goal a couple of minutes later, they couldn't put another one past Chris Levis.

Frustrated and perhaps a little tired for playing their second game in as many nights, Victoria got chippy in the final period, successfully drawing Coquitlam into a man-short situation, and then took the lead in a couple of fights.

With 13 minutes to play, Coquitlam's Patrick McAloney and Victoria's Shawn Summerfield got into a dust-up where the Shamrock pulled off McAloney's helmet, trying to start a fight. While the main event would wait until the game's final minute, the two were put into the penalty box with mismatching penalties.

McAloney received a five-minute high sticking major, while Summerfield was handed a 10-minute misconduct, with the end result being Coquitlam shorthanded for five minutes.

It all came to a head in the final minute, when the A's Brad MacDonald fought Kyle Morwick.

"It turned into a bit of a zoo there and we could have made it worse, but in the end we were taking the two points," remarked Adanac coach Andy Ogilvie. "You could make it as stupid as you want but in the end Coquitlam is always going to go for the points."

Wulder and Dobbie continued their dance as Western Lacrosse Association leading scorers, netting two goals and two assists each. They both have 27 points in seven games.

"I don't know where he pulled that one out of," Wulder said of Dobbie's over-the-shoulder tally. "He's playing awesome. A lot of times you'll see a rookie take a little while easing themselves onto a team, but Dobbie's come in and played just incredible."

Ogilvie credits the rookie sniper with elevating everyone's game.

"He's got some pretty special hands, he's a real competitor and comes to play every night. And he takes a beating, because he goes right through the middle and takes all the hits."

Levis turned aside 36 shots to post the club's sixth win, tying them with New Westminster for top spot. The undefeated Salmonbellies hold a game in hand.

Coquitlam's next test comes Saturday, 7:45 p.m., when they host the Burnaby Lakers.

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