

## Veltman tally lifts Adanacs past Bellies

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On a night where their Hall of Fame shut-down artist Bill Bradley was being honoured, the Coquitlam Adanacs paid tribute in the best way possible.

They put on a defensive clinic for part of the game and gritted it out the rest of the way to top the Western Lacrosse Association leading New Westminster Salmonbellies 7-6 in overtime Saturday.

Peter Veltman pocketed the only goal in overtime to hand the Bellies their first loss of the season.

It was decided in extra time, but it was defence that was the difference.

By holding New West goal-less in the first 30 minutes, the A's backline gave the offence a head start. Dane Dobbie stepped forward and scored the game's first three goals, while the Bellies were held to just three shots on net.

"It's up to us to play that well every night," Coquitlam defender Andrew McBride said. "We lost focus on the defensive end in the third and Ogie (coach Andy Ogilvie) called us to get back on track. We did, but it was close."

Up 5-1 after 40 minutes, Coquitlam suddenly had its hands full as the visitors erupted with some new-found urgency. New West broke free from the A's defensive grip and recorded four straight tallies to tie it 5-5, led by Ilija Gajic.

Just as quickly, the Adanacs retook the lead when Dobbie netted his fourth of the game, cashing in a powerplay chance with 1:45 left in the third. But the Bellies weren't finished, either, as they responded 40 seconds later on Chris Gill's low shot from off the crease.

That set the stage for a 10-minute overtime, where only Veltman could capitalize, burying a behind-the-back shot just 53 seconds in.

Steve McKinlay and Andy Secore completed the Coquitlam offence, while Chris Levis turned aside 38 shots.

"I've been struggling with the ball but I've been getting lots of chances, my linemates are feeding me the ball," Veltman said of his hard luck around the net this season.

Having averaged well over a goal a game during his first three years with the team, Veltman is hard-pressed to explain why he's only cashed in three times in nine games and 34 shots.



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*CLOGGING THE SLOT: Coquitlam's Jason Wulder, left, tries to work off New Westminster's Ian Hawksbee during Saturday's Western Lacrosse Association game at the Sports Centre.*

"You grip the stick hard, you get your shots but the bounces aren't there," he said.

The 25-year-old Veltman admitted that he's been distracted by his brother Daryl's situation, as last year's team rookie scoring leader has been left in limbo due to actions taken by the Ontario and Canadian Lacrosse associations.

While he was ruled eligible to play by the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre last year, the team that owned his rights in the Ontario loop protested, and with the CLA's unwillingness to defend the SDRC's decision, took the dispute to the point where the July 1st roster deadline could not be met.

The younger Veltman contributed eight goals and 11 assists in nine games in 2007. He added 10 goals in nine playoff games.

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