

SALMON KINGS FALL TO STEELHEADS

Idaho takes third game of three-game set 4-2.

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The Salmon Kings and Idaho Steelheads met for their third and final game in their three-game set on Saturday night. The two teams had split the first two contests with Idaho winning 3-2 on Wednesday night and Victoria taking last night's contest by a 6-0 count.

Salmon Kings' goaltender Julien Ellis made his second straight start in net for Victoria after last night's 6-0 victory, but Idaho would nab an early lead at 1:22 into the first period when Marty Fichel fired a loose puck past Ellis. The lone assist went to John Lammers. Idaho increased their lead to 2-0 when Matt Craig converted a John Snowden pass. The Salmon Kings cut the lead in half with their first goal of the night at 13:28 when Darryl Lloyd scored his eighth of the season after receiving a beautiful pass from Chris St. Jacques. Marc-Andre Bernier drew the second assist. The teams went to the locker rooms with Idaho leading 2-1.

Idaho restored their two goal lead three minutes into the second period, Taggart Desmet scored on Ellis making the Idaho lead 3-1. Kiel McLeod received a penalty which left the team shorthanded, but that didn't stop Dylan Yeo who burst down the right side on a 3-on-1 before whipping a goal past Steelheads netminder Matt Zaba to collect his ninth goal of the season. Ash Goldie drew the lone assist. An Idaho penalty allowed for plenty of shots, but no goals for the Salmon Kings. A couple of late period penalties in the second gave Victoria the edge on Idaho but the boys were unable to beat Zaba. Idaho was still in the lead 3-2 at the end of the second. Shots on net were 25-23 for Idaho.

The third period began with plenty of exciting back-and-forth battles between the teams. A penalty for the Salmon Kings enabled the Steelheads to gain the advantage as Lammers snuck a rebound in despite the unrelenting efforts of Ellis. The Kings would get no closer. Steelheads 4 Salmon Kings 2. Victoria out shot Idaho 36-35. The Kings played in front of 5,075 fans at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre.

Next week the Salmon Kings face off against the National Conference leading Las Vegas Wranglers. Wednesday night is the first game of the three-game series. Face-off is 7:05 p.m. Call 220-7889 for tickets.

SALMON KINGS WIN IN OVERTIME THRILLER

Victoria scores with less than a second remaining for 5-4 victory.

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The Pacific Division leading Las Vegas Wranglers and Western Division leading Victoria Salmon Kings faced off on Friday night for the second game of a three-game set in Victoria. The Salmon Kings pulled out the first game 5-3 on Wednesday evening.

It was faced-paced frenzy for the majority of the opening period, with both goaltenders, Victoria's Julien Ellis and Las Vegas' Daniel Manzato, stealing the show early. Wes Goldie fired in the Kings first goal at 17:48 when he snapped a shot from the high slot past Manzato. Ryan Wade and Jordan Krestanovich drew the assists. A minute later, Ash Goldie battled to tip in a Paul Ballantyne point shot to notch the Kings' second goal. It was Ash's 30th of the season. The second assist went to Matt Kelly. The Kings scored their third straight goal when Marc-Andre Bernier scored his 17th of the season after receiving an incredible cross ice pass from Chris St. Jacques. Dylan Yeo counted the other assist. After scoring three times in the frame's final three minutes the Salmon Kings headed to the locker room past a roaring crowd with a 3-0 lead.

Las Vegas got on the board halfway through the second period when Peter Ferraro smacked a one-timer from the slot past Ellis after receiving a pass from brother Chris. Mike Madill was credited with the second assist. With less than four minutes remaining in the second, Ellis stymied the Wranglers five times on one shift as the Las Vegas offence buzzed in the Kings' zone. Victoria led 3-1 after two periods.

The Wranglers jumped out quickly, 1:39 into the third period, when Marco Peluso cut to the middle and snapped a shot past Ellis making it 3-2. The lone assist went to Tyler Mosienko. Moments later Ellis tried to cover up a loose puck in the crease and Mosienko jumped on it to chip the puck in to even the score. Assists went to Peluso and Mike Madill. A beautiful set-up by the Kings lifted the score to 4-3 when Milan Gajic received a cross ice pass from Kevin Estrada, putting it up and in past Manzato. Ash Goldie counted the third assist. The Wranglers drew even again with a shorthanded marker at the 8:04 mark when Aki Seitsonen deflected the shot off of a Kings' defenseman into the net. At the end of three periods the score was 4-4, pushing the game into overtime.

Back-and-forth action was the dominant theme in overtime. A late Wranglers' penalty with 47 seconds remaining gave Victoria a power play opportunity. After peppering Manzato with pucks, Gary Gladue blasted a shot from the point with less than a second remaining that beat Manzato, propelling the Kings to a 5-4 victory. Yeo and Krestanovich collected the assists on the power play marker. Victoria went 1/6=16.7% on the power play and Vegas went 0/4=0%. Shots on goal were 35-34 for Victoria.

These two teams face off for the finale of the three game set tomorrow night at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre. Puck drop is at 7:05 p.m. The Salmon Kings then head out on the road, but return to Victoria for a three game series versus Utah beginning on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:05 p.m. Call 220-7889 for tickets.