

SIJHL Media Update

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Fort Frances climbs back into first

SIoux LOOKOUT, Ont. – Byron Katapaytuk scored three times and set-up another to help lead the Fort Frances Lakers past the Sioux Lookout Flyers 6-3 Friday evening in Superior International Junior Hockey League play at Memorial Arena in Sioux Lookout.

The Fort Frances victory puts them back into first place in the SIJHL standings while a 3-1 home ice triumph for the Wisconsin Wilderness over the visiting Thunder Bay North Stars moved them into sole possession of second place. They are just one point behind the Lakers and one ahead of the Stars with Dryden also right in the hunt a mere three points shy of top spot.

FRIDAY'S WRAP-UP

FORT FRANCES 6 SIOUX LOOKOUT 3 – After Blake Boaz gave the Fort the early lead the Flyers' special teams kicked in to give them a one-goal lead after one period of play thanks to a power play marker from Darnell Ferland and a shorthanded effort from Brendan Wertanen.

In the middle frame Katapaytuk would notch his first of the night in the opening minute and would then assist on Morgan McNeill's man advantage tally a minute and a half later to make it a 3-2 game in favour of Fort Frances after 40 minutes.

Marty McFadden and Katapaytuk would both strike on the power play in the third period to put the Lakers up three before Wertanen's second shorthanded goal of the game made it interesting in the late stages of the contest.

Katapaytuk would ice it however with 34 seconds remaining as he completed his hat-trick with his club's fourth power play marker of the night.

Tyler Ampe started for Fort Frances, but gave way to Jameson Shortreed after the second Sioux Lookout goal.

Ampe faced 11 shots while Shortreed made 22 saves in relief in picking up the win for the Lakers who blasted 53 pucks at Jesse Wilkins in the Flyers' net.