

Lakers suffer two tough losses to the Thunder Bay North Stars.

Friday night they lost a heartbreaker 3-2.

Coach Strachan reported the Lakers squandered two early leads in Friday nights clash in Thunder Bay. He said even with the solid play of Goaltender Tyler Ampe who made many great saves, defensive blunders cost the team.

Strachan reported that the North Stars came out hard in the third period and tied the game at the midway point. He said the North Stars carried much of the play in the third and with less than a minute in the game an apparent offside pass lead to the winning goal. His protests were rewarded with being removed from the game as well as the game on Saturday. Coach Strachan said that the call didn't sit well with him and he felt missed calls shouldn't decide games between two teams battling at the top of the standings but it was what they were handed and they would move on.

Saturday's game was a sea saw affair that the Lakers lost 1-0. Both teams had chances early in the game to take the lead. The North Stars scored late in the second period by another defensive mistake. The North Stars Mitch Morostica was left unattended in front of Tyler Ampe. Morostica was fed a pass from Mitch Forbes and was able to squeak it by Ampe, who he said again had a solid night in net.

Strachan said the Lakers had chances to tie the game on the power play but they didn't get many shots to the net. Strachan said his players didn't have the life needed to battle for the win. He said it may have been from the shock of the controversial loss the night before. He said the Lakers had a flurry of opportunities late in the game but just couldn't get by North Stars goalie Guillaume Piche.

