

Nanaimo to face Langley in finals

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Clipper centre Len Evans scored his second goal of the game 7:09 into the second sudden-death overtime period to give Nanaimo a 6-5 victory in the seventh and deciding game of their B.C. Junior Hockey League quarter-final against Richmond Sockeyes Friday night.

Nanaimo's Gord Simpson had put the game into overtime with his second goal of the game, short-handed, with 49 seconds left in regulation time.

Richmond's Brooke Odenvald had a penalty shot in the second overtime period but shot over the net.

Twelve hundred fans, the biggest Nanaimo turnout of the season, saw Richmond hold period leads of 2-1 and 3-1.

The winning goal came when Evans poked the puck away from the Richmond defence just inside the blue line. Al Johnston, Evans' right winger for the past three seasons, picked up the loose puck and got it back to Evans in

front of Richmond goalie Chris Dickson.

"I just thought, 'Turn and shoot,'" Evans said. "Al made a hell of a pass. It pays off when you've been together a while."

In addition to the two-goal performances from Evans and Simpson, the Clippers got singles from Kent Lewis and Stan Czenczek.

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