Packers lose one in overtime

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — Defenceman Matt Hervey converted a rebound at 3:37 of overtime Wednesday night to give the Richmond Sockeyes a 5-4 playoff victory over the Kelowna Packers.

The victory gave the Sockeyes a 2-0 edge in their best-of-nine British Columbia Junior Hockey League final which continues Friday and Saturday nights at Kelowna.

Hervey swooped in from the point to grab the rebound after Kelowna netminder Dusty Imoo made a spectacular save on a point-blank shot by Sockeye forward Dean Rutledge.

Although the Sockeyes continued to have an edge in play, the game was a different contest from their 7-0 victory in Tuesday night's first game, said Richmond coach Orland Kurtenbach.

"That game was one of a kind," Kurtenbach said. "We didn't let them do anything for three periods.

"Tonight we just couldn't put them away. We outshot them 21-7 in the second period but the puck doesn't go in all the time.

"Then, at the end of the period, one of our defencemen dove at a puck. It hit a few skates then wound up in our net."

Rutledge, Bill Hardy, Paul Rutherford and Dave Tomlinson also scored for the Sockeyes who were tied 2-2 after the opening period and carried a 4-3 lead into the final frame.

Jamie Kurki, Pat Mangold, Kelly Hurd and Mike Murinko counted for the Packers who were outshot 43-30. Imoo was solid in the Kelowna net with a 38-save performance. Half his stops came in the middle period.