Sockeyes sweep Packers

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — Jason Phillips snapped a 2-2 tie at 9:31 of the third period Tuesday night to give the Richmond Sockeyes a 3-2 victory over the Kelowna Packers and the B.C. Junior Hockey League title.

The Sockeyes went through the playoffs without a loss as they swept the best-of-nine final in five games to set a league record.

The 1981-82 Abbotsford Flyers were also undefeated in the playoffs but needed only 12 games to win their crown. This was the first year the final series was a best-of-nine affair.

Dale Hardy and Dean Rutledge gave the Sockeyes period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 while Greg Andrusak and Pat Mangold scored for the Packers who were outshot 35-24.

The Sockeyes will next play the winner of the Peace-Cariboo Hockey League in a best-of-three series that begins here April 3. Quesnel leads that best-of-seven series 2-0 over Grande Prairie.