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RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — The Red Deer Rustlers paid a heavy price for penalties Wednesday night as the Richmond Sockeyes fired four power-play goals in the third period for a 6-4 Centennial Cup playoff victory.

However, the comeback victory that gave Richmond a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western semifinal was spoiled by a post-game incident involving a thrown stick and a Red Deer player who stormed into the stands.

The third and fourth games in the rough Tier II junior hockey series will be played Saturday and Sunday in Red Deer, Alta.

An elderly woman was struck by a Red Deer stick thrown into the crowd. She received a cut and medical aid while the Rustlers' Brad Wilson took a match penalty.

Teammate Rick Anderson, who climbed over the glass behind the Red Deer bench and nearly came to blows with a fan, received a gross misconduct.

SPAT ON PLAYERS

Red Deer coach Larry Billows, who attempted to intercede between Anderson and the fan, said spectators spat on his team and there was not enough security in the Richmond Arena.

Defenceman Matt Hervey led Richmond with three goals and an assist. Steve Jaques, Dean Rutledge and Brian Kozak had the other goals for Richmond which outshot the visitors 52-30 for their 17th consecutive playoff victory.

Dixon Ward had two goals for the Rustlers who took 97 of 139 minutes in penalties. Jeff Gosselin and Greg Pulliam also scored.