Lakers to meet Sockeyes

Greg Hadden scored at 2:59 of overtime to give the Richmond Sockeyes a 3-2 victory over the Delta Flyers on Saturday to take their B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-final series in four straight games.

Richmond now meets Interior champion Vernon Lakers, next Saturday in Vernon, in the first game of a best-of-nine final series. The second game is also scheduled in Vernon, Sunday.

Rob Clarke, Barry Cress had the other Richmond goals, with Cress forcing the overtime with his goal at 18:35 of the third period, when Delta had two men in the penalty box.

Both of Delta's goals came from former Sockeye Peter Holmes.

Randy Beekhuizan made 28 saves in the Delta net, while Mike Doyle turned aside 19 shots for the Sockeyes.

Delta led 1-0 after the first period and the teams were tied 2-2 after the second.

It's the third straight year that Richmond has beaten Delta to win the Coastal Division championship.

Richmond finished one point ahead of Delta atop the Coastal Division standings and everyone expected a close series. But Richmond assistant coach Murray Lawrence said Richmond established its supremecy early in the series.

"The Flyers blew it in the second game," he said."They tried to run us out of the rink and couldn't. It cost them their momentum."

Against Vernon, Lawrence said he expects "good fast games. Vernon's a strong team with a good work ethic."

Alberta Junior

Cal Canucks 7 Cal Spurs 1

(Canucks lead best-of-seven Southern Division semifinal 2-0)

B.C. Junior

Richmond 3 Delta 2

(Richmond wins best-of-seven semifinal 4-0)