Nanaimo needs that extra time

Nanaimo Clippers won in overtime Tuesday to tie their best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-final series at two games each while Kelowna Buckaroos took a 2-0 lead in their semi-final series.

Nanaimo pleased their home-town crowd by taking Bellingham Blazers 6-4. Kelowna nipped Vernon Vikings 7-6 in Vernon.

Ken Pendleton forced overtime by scoring for Bellingham with six minutes left in regulation play.

Clint Eccles scored the winner at 6:20 of the 10-minute overtime period and Brian Day added the clincher with 46 seconds remaining.

In Vernon, the Vikings led 3-0 after the first period and jumped to a 6-1 lead early in the second. But Kelowna rallied for the victory.

Tonight, Nanaimo and Bellingham play at Langley while Kelowna is host to Vernon.