

PENTICTON TAKES LEAD

PENTICTON, B-C (CP) — The Penticton Knights beat the visiting Red Deer Rustlers 5-3 to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven Centennial Cup quarter-final series.

Joe Murphy, Derek Mayer, James Burnett, Murray Winnicki and Mike Moree scored for the Knights, who led 4-0 and 5-3 by periods.

Allan Karpysyn, Dean Cowling and Glen Barre scored for Red Deer.

Grant McPhail made 35 stops in goal for Penticton, while Glenn Raeburn and Darren Turner combined to make 41 saves for Red Deer.

"I thought all along that it was going to be a tight series," said Penticton coach Rick Kozuback. "In particular, I think the goaltending is really a key. Grant (McPhail) played extremely well.

"Their goaltending started out a bit shaky. But they put the other kid (Turner) in there and he did just an excellent job keeping them in the hockey game."

Game four will be played tonight in Penticton.