

Knights advance to western final

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Aaron Scott's goal at 3:22 of the second overtime period lifted Penticton Knights to a 12-11 victory over Calgary Canucks in tier-two junior hockey playoff action Wednesday night.

The win — in a game with 133 shots on goal and only 10 minor penalties — gave the Knights the Alberta-B.C. Centennial Cup series, four games to one.

The B.C. Junior Hockey League champions now advance to play the winner of the continuing Manitoba-Saskatchewan series between Winnipeg South Blues and Humboldt Broncos.

Neither team ever had more than a two-goal lead. Calgary took a 4-3 edge in the first period, and the game was tied 7-7 after the second and 9-9 at the

end of regulation time. The teams split four goals in the first 10-minute overtime, and the game went into sudden death.

Scott's winning goal came as he was falling to the ice during a goalmouth scramble but managed to shove the puck under a pack of players and past Calgary goalie Jamie Bowman.

The Knights, who outshot Calgary 80-53, were leading 9-7 with 58 seconds left in the third period, before the Canucks knotted the game with two goals — the tying one coming on a long bloop from centre ice that beat Penticton goalkeeper Warren Sharples with three seconds to go.

Penticton went ahead 11-9 in the first overtime, before the Canucks scored twice in 19 seconds to force the sudden-death period.