Hounds defeat Pembroke and advance to Cup final

PEMBROKE, Ont. (CP) — The Notre Dame Hounds broke a 3-3 tie in the third period to defeat the Pembroke Lumber Kings 7-3 in the semi-final game of the Centennial Cup junior hockey championships Thursday.

The win pits the Saskatchewan team, the youngest in Cup history, against the Halifax Lions on Saturday to determine the Canadian Junior A champion of the year.

Notre Dame's Dwayne Norris scored the only goal in the first period and followed it up with another on a power-play only 32 seconds into the next period.

Pembroke tied the score when Bruce Coles and Jim Way connected in more power-play action. But Scott Pellerin placed Notre Dame back in the lead near the end of the second when he scored a power-play goal.

Less than three minutes into the third period, Pembroke tied it up again with a point from Ray DeSouza. In a final burst of energy, Notre Dame claimed victory with a goal from David Stevens, a second from Pellerin and a goal from Rob Schriner and Steve Widmeyer.

Lumber Kings coach Jim Farellie blamed referee Rob Wilkes for third-period calls that angered him and Pembroke fans who packed the hometown arena.