

KNIGHTS LEAD JUNIOR SERIES

RICHMOND, B.C. (CP) — Kevin Melrose scored his third goal after 10 minutes and 47 seconds of overtime Tuesday night to give Penticton Knights an 8-7 victory over Richmond Sockeyes and a stranglehold on their British Columbia Junior Hockey League final series.

The power-play goal gave the Knights a 3-1 edge in the best-of-seven series which continues tonight at Penticton.

The teams exchanged goals in the first 10-minute overtime period that saw police called after fans pelted the Penticton bench and the ice surface with eggs. The second overtime period was a sudden-death affair.

Peter DeGraaf, David Shields, John DePourcq, Bill Thomas and Rod Summers also scored for the Knights, the defending BCJHL champions.

Dan Baker led the Sockeyes with a three-goal performance and Kevin Weremy scored twice. Dan Matias and Ron Popoff completed the scoring before 1,173 fans.

"You can't take penalties and win hockey games, but it was close," Sockeyes coach Muzz MacPherson said of Melrose's goal. "It's a big letdown."