

# Thunder beats Americans to remain alive

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**T**he urgency – if not sheer desperation – with which the Thunder was playing Friday night with its season on the line was best encapsulated in the final few minutes of a 3-2 win over Allen.

After having given up a power-play goal in the first period, Wichita faced a penalty-killing situation with less than 10 minutes to go, then another one with less than five. Allen was just as urgent and/or desperate – with a win, the Americans would be Central Hockey League champions.

The Thunder held off both penalties with greater will and superior effort. The Americans hardly got a quality shot during those four minutes with a one-man advantage, and the Thunder survived Game 6 of the best-of-seven CHL finals at Intrust Bank Arena.

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