

Sailors skate to state tourney semifinals 7-3

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MASON CITY—Columbus advanced to the semifinals of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament early Friday morning with a 7-3 victory over Urbandale in the Sailors' tourney opener.

Scott Dolan gave Columbus, trying to defend its back-to-back state titles, a quick 1-0 lead as he scored one of his three goals. His scoring shot came from three feet to the right of the Urbandale goal at 1:01 of the first period.

At 6:31 two Sailor all-stars teamed up for a 2-0 edge. Dolan, who finished as the league's leading scorer, took a pass from Mark Lanigan and fired the puck past Jeff Matjetich.

Shannon Post scored for Urbandale at 12:49 as the Jay Hawks came to life and dominated the final three minutes of the opening period.

Dick Long and Lanigan teamed up to give Columbus a 3-1 lead at 8:36 of the second period. Lanigan scored the goal after the two had exchanged passes while skating down on the Urbandale net.

Columbus scored again at 12:44 as Dolan rifled a pass through the Urbandale defense to Rob Leskun, who fired the puck into the net from 10 feet out.

Just 56 seconds into the third period, Dolan scored his hat trick as he skated down on Matjetich, who froze as Dolan skated in front of him and easily put the puck in the net.

Freshman Todd Armstrong scored twice for Urbandale while Lanigan and Grant Weidner each got a goal for the Sailors in the third period.

Coach Duke Dutkowski of Columbus was pleased with the play of his first line as well as his defensemen.

"Urbandale played well, but we refused to quit," said Dutkowski. "I'm very pleased with our overall performance, considering the 7:30 starting time."

Columbus next plays the winner of the Des Moines Public-Mason City game at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

In opening round games Thursday night, Mason City defeated Dowling of West Des Moines 5-4 in overtime while Sioux City topped Dubuque 6-0.

Sioux City was to play Waterloo's Warriors at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBUS LINEUPS

Goalie: Quincy McGrane; defense: Mark Lanigan, Fred Charles, Jeff Rink, Mark Manning, Jon Jasper; Forwards: Sean Medican, Scott Dolan, Dick Long, Joel Jasper, Tony Fischer, Chris Dolan, Grant Weidner, Tom Lanigan, Tom Simott, Dennis Fry, Tim Martin, Rob Leskun.

URBANDALE LINEUPS

Goalie: Jeff Matjetich; defense: Brian Grady, Eric Harper, Brian Hill, Todd Massier, Charles Mundy, Damon Punsian, Rick Ruggieri, Mike Wohford; Forwards: Todd Armstrong, Curt Balcom, Kenny Bauman, Jeff Carlisle, Doug Finch, Troy Johnson, Rick Makohoniuk, Tim Massier, Shannon Post, Todd Ryehorn, Troy Sorenson.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Columbus..... 2 1 3-7

Urbandale..... 1 0 2-3
FIRST PERIOD—1. Columbus, S. Dolan (unassisted) 1:01; 2. Columbus, S. Dolan (unassisted) 6:31; 3. Urbandale, Post (Armstrong) 12:49; penalties: Post (tripping) 5:41; Mundy (tripping) 9:58.
SECOND PERIOD—4. Columbus, M. Lanigan (Long) 8:36; 5. Columbus, Leskun (S. Dolan, Long) 12:44; penalties: Balcom (checking from behind) 31; Punsian (interference) 13 (to Martin (elbowing)) 14:32.
THIRD PERIOD—6. Columbus, S. Dolan (Long, Jon Jasper) 56; 7. Columbus, M. Lanigan (unassisted) 1:48.

8. Urbandale, Armstrong (Post) 7:06; 9. Columbus, Weidner (unassisted) 8:21; 10. Urbandale, Armstrong (Todd Massier, Bauman) 11:24; penalties: Charles (interference) 6:08; Medican (checking from behind) 9:54; S. Dolan (tripping) 9:22.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Columbus..... 8 14 10-22
Urbandale..... 4 5 6-15
Officials: Mitch Morrison and John Cowan; referees: Dave Jarvill, Ilesueman.
Attendance: 92