

# Ames nips Mohawks in state hockey opener

**WATERLOO** — The third time was a charm for Ames in a 4-3 victory over Mason City here Friday in the opening round of the Iowa High School Hockey League state playoffs.

"It was an awfully good hockey game," said Mason City coach John Lloyd, whose team defeated Ames twice in the regular season, each time by a single goal.

"Coaches and other people here thought it was the best game of the day and maybe should have been the championship game."

As it was, though, Mason City dropped into the consolation bracket and will take on Dubuque at noon today. Ames advanced to an 8 p.m. second-round game against either Des Moines Public, the regular-season champ, or Sioux City, who played the late game Friday.

Dana Despenas of Mason City scored the first goal but Ames retaliated with a pair from John Newell to take a 2-1 lead after one period.

Late in the second period, Newell struck again but Mason City's Paul Pappajohn answered nine seconds later to make it 3-2.

Rob Mitchell put Ames ahead 4-3 with a goal early in the third period. Eric Held got one for Mason City a couple of minutes later but the Mohawks couldn't muster another.

"It was a very fast game," said Lloyd. "Both teams had their chances."

"We pulled our goalie late in the game and got off two really good shots. One of them hit the goalie and rolled over the top of the net."

"... Our boys took the loss hard but now they've got to bounce back

and play well Saturday."

## Summaries

Mason City.....1 1 1 — 3  
Ames.....2 1 1 — 4

**FIRST PERIOD** — Dana Despenas (MC), assist Scott Swanson, 8:26. John Newell (A), assist Steve Cook, 9:44. Newell (A), assist Cook, 11:30.

**SECOND PERIOD** — Newell (A), assist Cook, 12:45. Paul Pappajohn (MC), assists David Despenas and Eric Held, 12:54.

**THIRD PERIOD** — Rob Mitchell (A), assist Cook, 2:41. Held (MC), assist Matt Pete, 4:42.

Shots on goal: Mason City 5-9-8-22, Ames 6-8-5-19. Goalies: John Rosenfeld (MC), Scott Jackson (A).

Penalties/minutes: Mason City 3 for 6, Ames 3 for 6.

## First-round results

Sioux City 4, Dubuque 2  
Ames 4, Mason City 3  
Waterloo 8, Waterloo Columbus 2  
Urbandale 7, West Des Moines Valley-Dwelling 5  
Des Moines Public vs. Sioux City, late

## Registration days set for youth baseball

**MASON CITY** — Registration sessions for youths interested in participating in the Mason City youth baseball program this summer will be held Saturday, March 10 and Saturday, March 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Highway 18 West.

All boys who have reached their eighth birthday before Jan. 1, 1984 and were not 16 before Jan. 1 are eligible.

There is no fee for the Pony and Youth leagues. The Babe Ruth League has a fee of \$3.50. A late fee of \$2.50 will be charged to those who do not register at the above sessions.

Also, the adult managers and umpires are being sought for all the leagues. Those interested can register the same times as the players.

For further information, call 423-0815.