

M.C. gets first-ever hockey shutout

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MASON CITY — John Rosenfeld, goaltender for the Mason City high school hockey team, wears the number 00 on the back of his jersey.

That also happens to be the number of goals the burly senior allowed in the Mohawks' game against Ames here Sunday at the North Iowa Recreational Arena.

With Rosenfeld turning back shot after shot, Mason City posted a 1-0 victory over the Little Cyclones. The victory, the first-ever shutout by a Mason City team, years, improved the Mohawks to 3-3 in the Iowa High School Hockey League and 4-3 overall.

Ames, which came into the game averaging more than five goals per outing, slipped to 5-2 in the league and 5-4 overall.

"That's two really outstanding games in a row for him," said

Mason City coach John Lloyd of Rosenfeld. "He was just super again today."

On Friday night, with Rosenfeld in goal, Mason City defeated Waterloo Public 4-3 in overtime, the Mohawks' first win ever against Waterloo, one of the traditional powers of the Iowa league.

It didn't take Mason City long to score the decisive goal against Ames. With only 38 seconds elapsed in the opening period, starting center Eric Held latched on to a rebound in front of the Ames' goal and punched it in for a 1-0 Mason City lead. Paul Pappajohn was credited with an assist.

That proved to be all the cushion Rosenfeld needed. Ames kept substantial pressure on the Mohawk netminder all through the game and finished with a 26-22 edge in shots on goal. Rosenfeld rejected them all, though, several of which came in a flurry in the closing minutes.

Rosenfeld, a 200-pounder, was an all-state lineman on Mason City High's football team the past fall.

"Our depth really helped us in the third period," Lloyd said. "I think they were starting to get a little tired. We really had a lot of chances late in the third period.

"... After the big win over Waterloo I thought we might be a little lax today. We weren't, though."

Ames had several scoring opportunities in the closing minutes. There were two faceoffs in front of the Mason City goal in the final 15 seconds. The first chance was squandered when Matt Pete iced the puck to the Ames' end. On the second faceoff, with seven seconds remaining, Rosenfeld turned back one solid shot to preserve the victory.

"Mason City played pretty well and their goalie played really

well," said Ames coach Noel Erickson. "I thought we outplayed them for a good part of the game but we just couldn't put one in.

"I don't know how that one (goal) went in, but the light went on and it held up," he said.

"Scott (Jackson, goalie) played really well. He's only a sophomore but he kept us in the game."

Sunday's affair was the first time this season the Little Cyclones have been blanked.

Summary

Ames.....	0 0 0 - 0
Mason City.....	1 0 0 - 1
FIRST PERIOD — Eric Held (MC), assist Paul Pappajohn, :38.	
SECOND PERIOD — No goals.	
THIRD PERIOD — No goals.	
Goalies: Ames, Scott Jackson; Mason City, John Rosenfeld.	
Shots on goal: Ames 7-10-9 — 26. Mason City 5-5-12 — 22	
Penalties-minutes: Ames 5 for 10 minutes, Mason City 4 for 12 minutes.	