

M.C. splits in state hockey

URBANDALE — Mason City split two games with competition from Waterloo here Friday at the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament held at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

Mason City defeated Waterloo Columbus 4-2 in its opener and then lost to Waterloo Public 8-2.

Four separate Mason City players scored in that opening win over Columbus.

"All three of our lines seemed to get good scoring chances but our scoring came from the second and third lines, which is good to see," said Mason City coach Steve McMahon.

"We've played Columbus close all year," McMahon continued. "They don't like to hit and now, we're able to hit without hurting ourselves."

Columbus was the third-place finisher during the regular season in the seven-team league while Mason City, 3-19 in the regular season, placed seventh.

Waterloo Public, which finished second in the regular season, got a hat-trick from T.J. Saul, with one of his goals coming in the first period and two more coming in the middle period, to cruise past Mason City.

In other opening round games, Ames beat Sioux City 9-6, Waterloo Public beat Valley/Dowling 6-2, Ames beat Valley/Dowling 9-2 and Urbandale beat sioux City 6-4.

Summaries

FIRST GAME

Mason City..... 2 02 — 4
Waterloo Columbus..... 1 10 — 2

FIRST PERIOD — Coley Murphy (MC), assist by Chris Steward, 10:30. Tom Laniqan (W), assist by Joel Jasper and John Jasper, 10:58. Chris Steward (MC), assist by Mark Montano, 12:41.

SECOND PERIOD — Joel Jasper (W), unassisted, 8:39.

THIRD PERIOD — Troy Thelen (MC), assist by Dirk Courier, 13:39. Dirk Courier (MC), assist by Andy Hubbard, 8:06.

Shots on goal — Mason City 13-5-13—31, Waterloo Columbus 13-8-12—33. **Goalkeepers** — Doug Tarr (MC), Chris Taylor (W).

Penalties — Mason City 2 for 4 minutes, Waterloo Columbus 3 for 6 minutes.

SECOND GAME

Mason City..... 0 02 — 2
Waterloo Public..... 3 23 — 8

FIRST PERIOD — Tyrone Jacobs (W), assists by Tim Bartz and Brian Cook, 7:24. T.J. Saul (W), assist by Mark Gillard, 11:23. Brian Cook (W), assists by Brian Kearns and Dan Michelsen, 11:30.

SECOND PERIOD — T.J. Saul (W), unassisted. T.J. Saul (W), assist by Rob Brown.

THIRD PERIOD — Todd Thoreson (MC), assists by Todd Steil and Jon Chamberlin, 2:23. Brian Cook (W), assists by Scott Kearns and Tim Bartz. Tyrone Jacobs (W), assists by T.J. Saul and Donaldson, 8:39. Brian cook (W), assists by Skaites and Dan Michelsen, 9:39. Chris Steward (MC), assist by Jon Pete, 14:41.

Shots on goal — Mason City 11-15-15—41, Waterloo Public 4-3-9—16. **Goalkeepers** — Jeff Curfiss and Doug Tarr (MC), Todd Burch (W).

Penalties — Mason City 3 for 6 minutes and Waterloo Public 5 for 10 minutes.