

Top-seeded Dubuque holds off Ames, 5-4

By The Daily Tribune Staff

Joe Baxter's goal just 14 seconds into overtime lifted Dubuque to a 5-4 victory over upset-minded Ames in the second round of the Iowa state hockey tournament this morning at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena.

Baxter's goal, his third of the game, moved Dubuque, the top-seeded team, into tonight's semifinals against Waterloo.

Ames, the tournament's eighth seed, dropped into the consolation bracket. The Little Cyclones, who beat Urbandale 6-1 in the first round Thursday night, met the Omaha Gladiators at 3.30 this afternoon.

In other first-round games, Mason City beat the Omaha Lancers 10-2, Valley/Dowling beat St. Joseph, Mo., 9-4, Waterloo beat the Omaha Gladiators 8-3, and Sioux City blanked Mason City 5-0.

Terry Nims and Jerry Hill also had goals for Dubuque in its victory over Ames. Four different players scored for Ames -- Brody Linder, Fred Van Bergen, Chuck Schweikert and Brian Wireson.

Against Urbandale Thursday night, Van Bergen and Ben Gable both pumped in two goals while Schweikert and Jay Greenfield each had one. Ames goalie Phil Greenfield came up with 16 saves.

Matt Workman had Urbandale's only goal.

Jesse Basarich recorded the tournament's first shutout when he came up with 26 saves in Sioux City's win over Mason City. Chris Sorum had two goals for Sioux City while T.J. Reinsch, Jesse Monell and Brandon Blatchford each had one.

Nick Kruger of Valley/Dowling had the day's most potent offensive performance, tossing in five goals in the victory over St. Joseph. Andy Byrkit had two goals while Andrew Lefourneau and Scott Hughes each had one for Valley/Dowling.

Mike Mitchell had two goals for St. Joseph while Josh Canterbury and Jason Lawson each had one.

Jason Reiseck and Chad Fordyce each had two goals while four others had one apiece as Waterloo beat the Gladiators.

Ted Lowndes, Joey Perell and Don Cohen each had a goal for the Gladiators.

Ethan Scheetz had three goals while teammates Scott Johnson, Matt Weber and Brandon Conway each had two as Mason City romped over the Omaha Lancers. Troy Heider had Mason City's other goal.

John Driscoll and Brad Elsie had the Lancers' goals.

The state tournament continues tonight and Saturday. The championship game is set for 12.45 p.m. Sunday.