

# Mason City preps get spot in semifinals in state ice tourney

Casey Holck scored four points and fourth-seeded Mason City Thursday became the first team in the Iowa High School Hockey League tournament to move into the semifinals.

Holck, who had a three-goal hat trick, led the Mohawks past fifth-seeded Dubuque in the second game of opening-day play in the tournament at Municipal Auditorium.

Waterloo beat the Omaha Junior Lancers 3-2 in the "pigtail" game Thursday.

Action resumes at 9 a.m. today with Omaha Gladiators facing St. Joseph, Mo. West Des Moines Valley-Dowling goes against Ames at 11:30 and host and defending champion Sioux City Metros tackle Waterloo at 2 p.m. to complete the quarterfinals.

Losers bracket games finish today's play at 5:30 (Omaha Junior Lancers vs. the loser of today's second game and 8 o'clock (Dubuque vs. the loser of today's third game). The semifinals are at 9:30 a.m. and noon Saturday with place games starting at 7 a.m. Sunday. The championship game is at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Holck and his Mason City teammates came out of the gate quickly. He scored his first goal just 2:45 into the contest and teammate Johnathon Morrison made it 2-0 at the 4:08 mark.

The Devils had their moments of glory in the ensuing four minutes. Keith Kester put Dubuque on the scoreboard at 5:11 and tied the contest at 2-all two minutes and 40 seconds later.

It was all Mason City from there on. The Mohawks regained the lead on Holck's second goal and added three points in the second period and two more in the third before Dubuque scored again. Holck picked up his hat trick at 6:19 of the third and the assist from Scott Johnson was his third of the contest. Holck's fourth point came on an assist for Ethan Scheetz on the Mohawks' final point of the game.

Thursday's opening game saw Waterloo take a 2-0 lead after two periods, then fritter it away as the

## IHSHL TOURNAMENT

### AT SIOUX CITY AUDITORIUM

#### THURSDAY'S GAMES

■ Game 1: Waterloo 3, Omaha Junior Lancers 2

■ Game 2: Mason City 9, Dubuque 3

#### FRIDAY'S GAMES

■ 9 a.m. (Game 3): Omaha Gladiators (18-6-0) vs. St. Joseph (6-17-1), Quarterfinal

■ 11:30 a.m. (Game 4): Valley/Dowling (16-8-0) vs. Ames (11-10-1), Quarterfinal

■ 2 p.m. (Game 5): Sioux City (19-5) vs. Waterloo (6-17-0), Quarterfinal

■ 5:30 p.m. (Game 6): Omaha Junior Lancers (3-21-1) vs. vs. Loser Game 4, Consolation bracket

■ 8 p.m. (Game 7): Dubuque (6-14-1) vs. Loser Game 3, Consolation bracket

Junior Lancers scored twice in the third period. David Lamb, though, had the answer with less than three minutes to play as the Warriors moved into today's quarterfinal.

### Summaries

#### Waterloo 3, Omaha Jr. Lancers 2

First period: 1, Waterloo — Benji Buckley (Jeff Chamberlin) 2:16. Penalties: Schoonover, W, 6:46; Wallace, O, 10:04.

Second period: 2, Waterloo — Andy Gericke (Buckley, Brian Vamey) 11:12. Penalties: Fordyce, W, 1:11; Gericke, W, 4:59; Eilers, O, 9:15; Fordyce, W, 13:24.

Third period: 3, Omaha — Trevor Blanchard (Heath Shaffer, Kevin Bernardy) 2:52. 4, Omaha — Mike Callahan (unassisted) 11:30. 5, Waterloo — David Lamb (Buckley). Penalties: None.

#### Score by periods:

Omaha.....	0	0	2	-	2
Waterloo.....	1	1	1	-	3

#### Shots on goal:

Omaha.....	8	12	12	-	32
Waterloo.....	7	9	14	-	30

Goalies: Mike Manning (41:30), Chad Rudiger (3:30), Omaha: Chris Abbott, Waterloo.

Al Stoltz referee, Jim Peck and Rick Goinbaux linesmen.

#### Mason City 9, Dubuque 3

First period: 1, Mason City — Casey Holck (Aaron Larson, Troy Halder) 2:45. 2, Mason City — Johnathon Morrison (Steve Dunker, Larson) 4:08. 3, Dubuque — Keith Kester (Ben Roth, Aaron Cigrand) 5:11. 4, Dubuque — Kester (Cigrand, Aaron Harwood). 5, Mason City — Holck (Kirk Thoreson) 14:05. Penalties: Holck, MC, 4:51; Thoreson, MC, 5:44; Derby, D, 13:58.

Second period: 6, Mason City — Thoreson (Scott Johnson) 3:53. 7, Mason City — Matt Fryar (Matt Weber) 6:19. 8, Mason City — Dunker (Brandon Conway) 6:47. Penalties: Derby, Dub, 7:53.

Third period: 9, Mason City — Ethan Scheetz (Johnson, Thoreson). 10, Mason City — Holck (Johnson, Scheetz) 6:19. 11, Dubuque — Nik Schroeder (Jamie Lund) 7:56. 12, Mason City — Scheetz (Holck) 9:56. Penalties: Harwood, D, 4:50; Morrison, MC, 7:05; Harwood, D, 13:14; Thoreson, MC (5-minute crosscheck, game misconduct) 14:03; Ames, D, 14:03.

#### Score by periods:

Dubuque.....	2	0	1	-	3
Mason City.....	3	3	3	-	9

#### Shots on goal:

Dubuque.....	6	7	9	-	22
Mason City.....	12	9	9	-	30

Goalkeepers: David March (22:30), Jim Gornick (22:30), Dubuque; Neil Gilmore, Mason City.

Del Donaldson referee, Tim Frazee and Jim Peck linesmen.