

High School Hockey

Mohawks win opener at state

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OMAHA, Neb. — Cory Clopton's goal in overtime gave Mason City High a 4-3 victory over Dubuque in the first round of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament Friday at Hitchcock Arena.

Clopton, assisted by Daniel Klocke, sent a low-flying slapshot past Dubuque goalie Jeremy Avenarius at 7:54 of overtime. Clopton also scored in the third period.

It was the Mohawks' second victory in three overtime games this season with Dubuque.

Mason City finished sixth in the league standings, while Dubuque finished third.

"This was a good overall team effort. Everybody was really trying," Mason City coach John

Lloyd said. "We had the most pressure on, I think, in the overtime.

"That was a big game for us," he added. "We needed that first one."

The Mohawks (13-14) will play Des Moines in a semifinal game at 1:30 this afternoon. Des Moines defeated Waterloo 2-0 on Friday.

Score by periods:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(O)	Tot
Mason City	0	1	2	1—	4
Dubuque	2	0	1	0—	3

FIRST PERIOD — Jason Walters (D), assist Travis Wilming, 12:19 (power play). Nick Jorgen (D), Marc Brock, 13:48.

SECOND PERIOD — Jim Shovein (MC), unassisted, 13:15.

THIRD PERIOD — Mike Blaisdell (MC), unassisted, 6:29. Cory Clopton (MC), Ben Fistler, 7:42. Jesse Walters (D), Zach Schultz, 8:05 (pp).

OVERTIME — Clopton (MC), Daniel Klocke, 7:54.

Shots on goal — Mason City 6-16-13-2 — 37. Dubuque 6-4-9-1 — 20.

Goalies — Mason City, Ramy Abujobarah. Dubuque, Jeremy Avenarius.

Penalties-minutes — Mason City 3-6. Dubuque 6-12.