

# Penalties kill Mohawks in 5-2 loss

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**SIoux CITY** — Penalty trouble cost the Mason City Hockey Club in its first round game of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament Friday at the IBP Ice Center.

Sioux City, the two-time defending state champions, used the Mohawks' mistakes to its advantage in a 5-2 victory Friday night.

"They gave it the best they had," said Mason City coach John Lloyd. "I'm real proud of them. They didn't quit.

"You just can't take that many penalties in a state tournament game and expect to win," Lloyd added.

Sioux City coach Walt Johnson agreed.

"You can score on a power play anytime," he said. "Penalties can kill you. Penalties are what makes and breaks a

game."

Mason City picked up three penalties in the first period, which led to two power play goals by Sioux City. The Metros led 4-1 after the first period.



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"My adrenaline was rushing," said

Hockenson. "It was great."

Matt Paulsen scored the Mohawks' first goal at 10:24 in the first period.

"They got up on us," Paulsen said. "It's kind of tough when they get the first goal. We didn't get the momentum back right away.

Mason City would cut into the Metros lead in the second period with a goal by Brad Park.

Park, assisted by Andre Lar-

ive and Ben Klocke, scored the lone goal of the period at 2:18.

"We didn't do anything different, we just tried to do things better when we came back out," Lloyd said. "We thought we were giving them too much of a chance. We were letting them turn up ice and take a look to see where they were going to pass. We just can't do that."

During the third period, Mason City couldn't capitalize on its power-play opportunities, including a two-man advantage for 23 seconds.

"We need to move the puck around," Lloyd said. "We get to thinking that we can score, but we try to score from a bad angle. We need to move the puck quickly and try to get a shot straight at the net."

At 9:24 in the third period, Sioux City added another goal by Ben Deck to take a 5-2 lead.

Mason City faces the Omaha Gladiators this morn-

ing 10:30. The Gladiators dropped a 6-1 decision to the Dubuque Devils.

"Mason City has got a great team," Johnson said. "They've got some solid players. They've got the best goalie in the league. He's played every game of the season and he's beat every team. You can't take anything away from them."

Score by periods:	(1)	(2)	(3)	Tot:
Sioux City	4	0	1	5
Mason City	1	1	0	2

**FIRST PERIOD** - 1. Andy Hockenson (SC) assists Tim Johnson, Jeremy McClenen, 3:45. 2. Hockenson (SC) (short-handed) unassisted, 9:55. 3. Matt Paulsen (MC) (power play) assists Jesse Olson, Robbie Springer, 10:24. 4. Brian Swanson (SC) (pp) assists Ben Deck, Chris Porter, 13:42. 5. Hockenson (SC) (pp) assists Corey Mozak, Porter, 14:59.

**SECOND PERIOD** - 6. Brad Park (MC) (pp) assists Andre Larivee, Ben Klocke, 2:18.

**THIRD PERIOD** - 7. Deck (SC) assist Brandon Lake, 9:24.

Shots on goal - Sioux City 10-7-9 - 26. Mason City 9-10-8 - 27.

Goalies - Sioux City: Ryan Dohrmann, Ross Patrick. Mason City: Ramylee Abu-Jarah.

Penalties - Sioux City 6-12, Mason City 11-33.