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Mason City's Matt Paulsen (17) faces off against Omaha's Andy Blaszk (57) during their semifinal game of the Iowa High School Hockey League tournament Saturday at the North Iowa Ice Arena.

## Lancers blank Mohawks, 4-0

□ Top-seed Omaha faces Des Moines Capitals in today's title game.

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**MASON CITY** — Marc Rood put an end to any upset thoughts the Mason City Hockey Club had in mind Saturday afternoon.

The Omaha Junior Lancers goaltender stopped all 28 Mason City shots as the Lancers defeated the

Mohawks 4-0 in an Iowa High School Hockey League



Lloyd

semifinal state tournament contest at the North Iowa Ice Arena.

Top-seeded Omaha advances to today's championship game against the second seed Des Moines Capitals at 2 p.m. The Capitals defeated Waterloo 6-1 in the other semifinal

game Saturday.

"We're feeling pretty good about ourselves," Omaha coach Chuck Nano said. "Our goal coming up here was making the championship game and winning it. We've put ourselves in that position."

"I think the Capitals have improved since the last time we played them in the regular season. I think it's going to be a great hockey and I think it's going to come down to goaltending," he added.

The Capitals and the Lancers split a pair of games See **HOCKEY, B4**

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this season.

Mason City plays Waterloo today at 9:15 a.m. in the third-place game. The Mohawks were 2-1 against the Warriors this season and outscored them 11-5.

"It will probably be a typical Waterloo team — very physical," Mason City coach John Lloyd said. "It will be a tough game. Both teams will be down a little bit I think after losing. I told the kids we want to go out as winners, so we just have to rest up, come back and go out a winner."

In Saturday's game, Mason City outshot the Junior Lancers 28-24, but the Mohawks weren't able to beat Rood.

"Our goaltending was absolutely outstanding," Nano said. "(Rood) kept us in the game. He gave us a chance to take over in the third period, which we've pretty much done all year. We get stronger as the game goes on. He gave us a chance to do that in the third period."

Omaha jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on Cameron Duncan's goal at 2:46.

The Junior Lancers scored early in the second period as well when Andy Blaszk scored his third goal of the

tournament just 19 seconds into the period.

At the second intermission, Mason City trailed 2-0 and the Mohawks felt confident about a comeback.

"The spirit was good," Lloyd said. "We felt we could score on these guys. If we just could have got that first one, it just eluded us. If we could have got that in there, it would have given us more confidence. The opportunities were there, but good goaltending saved them."

Mason City was unable to get any of its nine third period shots by Rood, and Andy Davis and Kyle Schneiderwind each added goals for the Lancers as they advanced to the championship game.

"I was proud of the boys, they never gave up," Lloyd said. "They kept trying right up 'til the very end. They got a lot to be proud of. They never gave up."

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

FIRST PERIOD — 1, Omaha, Cameron Duncan (Matt Kieymann, Blake Sanders), 2:46.

SECOND PERIOD — 2, Omaha, Andy Blaszk (David Sweet), :19.

THIRD PERIOD — 3, Omaha, Andy Davis (Matt Hallberg, Sanders), 2:27. 4, Omaha, Kyle Schneiderwind (Scott Mendick, Tony Muck), 5:19.

Shots on goal — Mason City 12-7-9—28. Omaha 5-9-10—24.

Penalties — Mason City 3-6. Omaha 4-8. Goals — Mason City, Alex Pieper 23-10-0 (24 shots-20 saves). Omaha, Marc Rood (28 shots-28 saves).