



John Lloyd
coached his
final game with
the
Mohawks
Sunday.

Mohawks place fourth

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MASON CITY — John Lloyd coached the Mason City Hockey Club for the last time Sunday.

Unfortunately for Lloyd and the Mohawks, they suffered a 6-3 loss to Waterloo in the third-place game in the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament at the North Iowa Ice Arena.

"It got a little emotional for a while," he said. "Being with them boys is great. You look at the future of some of them and the future is bright for Mason City hockey."

"Things I'll miss is the practices and the coaching staffs from other teams plus our own coaching staff. I've probably had more fun with this coaching staff than I've ever had before."

Waterloo coach Mike Brown said the league will miss Lloyd.

"He's a class act," Brown said. "He's done it the right way all the time and I consider him a friend and I'm going to miss him. He's been good for the Iowa High School Hockey League and I'm really going to miss him. It's sad to see those kind of good people go. He's fun to be around and

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we've had a good time."

During Lloyd's 18 years as head coach, he led the Mohawks to league titles in



Price

1987 and 1997 as well as runner-up in 1992 and 1995.

Mason City finished 27-12 overall in his final season and the Mohawks finished fourth in the state

tournament.

"I just told them that the accomplishments they had this season far outweigh any negatives that might have happened during our season," Lloyd said. "They worked hard and they should be proud of our organization — proud of the job they did. It was just unfortunate to end this way."

Waterloo went ahead 2-0 in the second period of Sunday's game.

The Mohawks cut the lead to 2-1 on Brad Bohl's second goal of the season at 10:07 in the second period. Robbie Springer assisted Bohl.

Jon Bushbaum's goal 21 seconds into the third period tied the game at two-all.

Bushbaum scored his sixth goal of the season when he directed Will Price's slapshot past Warriors goaltender Zach Goodsell.

Waterloo regained a two-goal lead on goals from Luke Langdale and Mathew Metcalf.

Eric Coborn scored at 9:11 for the Mohawks cutting the Warriors' lead to one goal. It was his fourth goal this season.

But the Warriors scored two

more goals to pull away.

"I thought Mason City just ran out of gas there in the third period," Brown said.

Waterloo got two goals each from Josh Dicken and Langdale. Jason Dobes had three assists.

"Our third line played really, really good," Brown said. "They scored big goals for us."

Lloyd said that Saturday's 4-0 loss to eventual champion, the Omaha Junior Lancers, dampened the Mohawks' spirits heading into Sunday.

"When you lose that second game, you're just down so much it's kind of hard to come back," he said. "It took so much out of the players that they didn't get into the game."

NOTES: Mason City loses 14 seniors off this year's team to graduation. They include Andre Larivee, Brian Schloemer, Springer, Jesse Olson, Ryan Gerow, Price, Jake Sorensen, Matt Paulsen, Coborn, Tony Brown, Joe Anderegg, Alex Pieper, Todd York and Bret Slife...Paulsen, Anderegg and Sorensen will compete in the Chicago Showcase that will be held in April. Their team is coach by Des Moines Capitals coach Scott Krueger.

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Score by periods: (1) (2) (3) Tot:
Waterloo 1 1 4— 6
Mason City 0 1 2— 3

FIRST PERIOD — 1, Waterloo, Luke Langdale (Jason Dobes, Mike Fritts), 2:24. 2.

SECOND PERIOD — 2, Waterloo, Josh Dicken (Shane Metz), 7:08. 3, Mason City, Brad Bohl 2 (Robbie Springer), 10:07.

THIRD PERIOD — 4, Mason City, Jon Bushbaum 6 (Will Price), :21. 5, Waterloo, Langdale (Dobes, Mathew Metcalf), 2:17. 6, Waterloo, Metcalf (Langdale, Dobes), 5:53. 7, Mason City, Eric Coborn 4 (Ben Miller, Bret Slife), 9:11. 8, Waterloo, Bryan Brown (Jared Bolter, Ryan Shaw), 11:36. 9, Waterloo, Dicken (Zach Smith), 13:22.

Shots on goal — Waterloo 10-6-12—28. Mason City 6-6-15—27.

Penalties — Waterloo 5-21. Mason City 5-10.

Goalies — Waterloo, Zach Goodsell (27 shots-24 saves). Mason City, Alex Pieper 23-11-0 (28 shots-22 saves).