

PREP HOCKEY

DES MOINES CAPITALS 4, MASON CITY 3 (OT)

Mohawks fall to Capitals in overtime

Mason City plays Kansas City Stars at noon today for third place

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AMES — The Mohawk Hockey Club left it all on the ice in its Midwest High School Hockey League tournament semifinal game against the Des Moines Capitals Saturday at Ames/ISU Ice Arena.

The fourth-seeded Mohawks led 3-2 with 10 minutes, 23 seconds left in regulation, but couldn't hold on, falling 4-3 in overtime to the top-seeded Capitals.

"We played hard," said Mohawk Hockey Club coach Mark Hicks, whose team faces the third-seeded Kansas City Stars today at noon in the third-place game. "I'm disappointed we had to lose, but it



Martin

came down to the last shot and we just didn't have it at the end.

"The guys played hard, so you can't fault the effort."

Will Martin continued his great play in the tournament for the Mohawks, scoring two goals and adding an assist.

"Will's doing a nice job," Hicks said of his leading scorer.

Martin, who had two goals in

Friday's 4-2 quarterfinal victory over Sioux Falls, gave the Mohawks an early 1-0 lead, scoring 2 minutes, 2 seconds into the contest on an assist from Robert Mahoney.

The Capitals fought back, taking a 2-1 lead into the first intermission on goals from Colby Piper and Kyle Collins with 5:55 and 3:31 to play in the period, respectively.

Mahoney tied the score at 2-2

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with 11:09 left in the second period as his trickled past Des Moines goaltender Cameron Brookes, who made 20 saves for the Capitals in the victory.

Martin, who assisted on Mahoney's goal, put the Mohawks back front 4:37 into the third period with his second goal of the game.

The lead would be short-lived, however, as Willem Nong-Lambert tied the game 3:55 later on a power play and the teams headed to overtime tied 3-3.

In overtime, it was

Joseph Anson who sent the Capitals into today's 2 p.m. MHSHL championship game against the second-seeded Kansas City Jr. Outlaws, slipping the puck past Mohawk goaltender Andrew Wuttke with 2:59 left in overtime.

Wuttke, who led the league with a 0.93 goals against average and a save percentage of .947, picked up just his second loss of the season in net.

"Andrew had a good day for us," Hicks said. "Unfortunately, we gave up an odd-man rush late in the game.

"They had more gas

than us the end. They have a good team. We have to come back, play hard and get third place (Sunday). It's not going to be easy but I'm glad we get a chance."

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First period — MC: 1. Will Martin (Robert Mahoney), 2:02; DM: 1. Colby Piper (Austin Clements, Jarron Atha), 9:05; DM: 2. Kyle Collins (Ryan Betters), 11:29.

Second period — MC: 2. Mahoney (Martin), 3:51.

Third period — MC: 3. Martin (Clint Hain), 4:37; DM: 3. Willem Nong-Lambert (power play) (unassisted), 8:32.

Overtime — DM: 4. Joseph Anson (Graham Johnson), 7:01.

Shots on goal — Mason City: 9-10-1-3 — 23; Des Moines: 9-4-6-4 — 23.

Penalties-minutes — Mason City: 6-12; Des Moines: 2-4.

Power-play opportunities — Mason City: 0-for-1; Des Moines: 0-for-5.

Goalies — Mason City: Andrew Wuttke 19 saves; Des Moines: Cameron Brookes 20 saves.