

Warriors reach USA Nationals final, 10-1

Warriors face St. Regis Jesuit of Colorado at 10 a.m. for championship.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. — The mountain air of Utah has been very refreshing for the Waterloo Warriors this past week.

So much that the Warriors have decided to make an extended stay of their visit, as they will be playing in the National High School hockey championship Sunday morning, after destroying the Pinnacle Pioneers, 10-1, in the semifinals here Saturday.

The Warriors (4-1) will face off against Regis Jesuit High School (5-0) of Colorado for the championship, with the puck dropping at 10 a.m.

Regis has scored 26 goals in the tournament to the Warriors 30, but the Warriors have surrendered 12 goals and Regis has only allowed five pucks to cross the crease.

"They are a lot like us," Warriors coach Doug Dietz said. "They keep things simple and get the puck to the net."

The Warriors needed a goal in the final eight seconds to defeat the Pioneers in an earlier round robin

There was no dramatic finish in the rematch as the Warriors jumped to a 6-0 lead mid way through the second period, then finished off the Pioneers with the final four goals, sending them packing back to Arizona.

Austin Jackson collected a hat trick for the Warriors and registered two assists.

Connor Hyde scored the first goal for the Warriors, getting two tallies in the game, and Jake Lichty collected three assists to go along with his single goal at the end of the first period.

Six different Warriors found the net during the rout.

"Everyone saw action tonight and got on the ice," Dietz said. "We were able to rest guys for tomorrow and the guys that came in never let up."

"We know that Jesuit is a hard working very disciplined team, but so are we," Dietz said.

"The guys may be a little tired now, because we have played a lot of hockey this week," continued Dietz. "But they know they are playing for a national championship and they will be ready."

The Warriors defeated Santa Margarita of California, 2-1, earlier Saturday to reach the semifinals



Austin Jackson



Doug Dietz

Waterloo 4 2 4 10
Pinnacle 0 1 0 1

FIRST PERIOD - 1. Waterloo, Connor Hyde (Jake Lichty, Collin Brecht) 16:32. 2. Waterloo, Jacob Sessler (Lee Jensen, Beau Cook) 18:00. 3. Waterloo, Jake Lichty 9:43. 4. Waterloo, Lichty (Austin Jackson, Sean Cavanaugh) 7:56. Penalties - Alex Martin, Piv. (crosschecking) 6:05. (Blake Walderson, Piv. (head contact) 3:51; Walderson, Piv. (misconduct) 0:5. Walderson, Piv. (checking from behind) 0:5.

SECOND PERIOD - 5. Waterloo, Jackson (Alex Schutte, Rhodes Dolan) 16:46pp. 6. Waterloo, Bryce Frost (David Becker, Jon Skarlis) 10:39. 7. Pinnacle, Kristian Fontaine (Dach Bryant) 2:23. Penalties - Sessler, Wat. (tripping) 15:01; Cavanaugh, Wat. (head contact) 9:43. Sean Joyce, Piv. (cross checking) 9:41; Dolan, Wat. (tripping) 8:42. Hyde, Wat. (following) 2:57; Becker, Wat. (tripping) 3:41; Joyce, Piv. (tripping) 3:41.

THIRD PERIOD - 8. Waterloo, Jackson (Cavanaugh) 16:13. 9. Waterloo, Skarlis (Jackson, Lichty) 11:03pp. 10. Waterloo, Dolan (Grant Sault) 3:03pp. 11. Waterloo, Jackson (Brecht) 1:51. Penalties - Martin, Piv. (head contact) 15:26; Zach Ziegler, Piv. (interference) 13:09; Kyle Herrmans, Piv. (tripping) 12:29; Martin, Piv. (crosschecking) 9:36. Cavanaugh, Wat. (hooking) 5:32; Travis Hembroth, Piv. (boarding) 3:25.

SHOTS ON GOAL
Waterloo 8 15 11 46
Pinnacle 3 8 8 19
Goalies - Waterloo, Chance Kremer (12 saves), Connor Weber (6 saves), Pinnacle, Matt Hill (16 saves). Officials - Referee, Andrew Collins; Linesman - Chris Wallick and Robert Vaarssen.

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Warriors dropped final pool game on Friday

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Friday's summary

On Friday, the Brophy Broncos completed a perfect pool record with a 6-2 triumph over the Warriors. The Broncos were the Arizona class 5A champions and are heavy with talent.

"We just didn't play Warrior hockey, and they (Brophy) beat us at our own game," Dietz said. "They came out patient and made things happen. We dug ourselves in an early hole as they capitalized on our mistakes."

Brophy 3 2 1-6
Waterloo 1 1 0-2

FIRST PERIOD - 1. Brophy, Ryan Henry (Charles Dunlap) 16:32. 2. Waterloo, Jon Skarlis (David Becker, Rhodes Dolan) 14:37pp. 3. Brophy, Ryan Beneduce (unassisted) 6:49. 4. Brophy, Henry (Beneduce, Taylor Mooman) :29pp. Penalties - Jonathan Carkeek, Bro. (head contact) 14:57; Beneduce, Bro. (sportsmanlike) 14:00; Becker, Wat. (hooking) 12:54; Dunlap, Bro. (interference) 5:44; Jake Lichty, Wat. (tripping) 3:42; Sean Cavanaugh, Wat. (interference) 1:39.

SECOND PERIOD - 5. Brophy, Beneduce (Tanner Touhy) 15:55. 6. Waterloo, Jake Lichty (unassisted) 11:36. 7. Brophy, Ryan Ricci (Touhy) :40. Penalties - Carter Hale, Bro. (crosschecking) 14:50; Cavanaugh, Wat. (crosschecking) 5:44; Ricci, Bro. (tripping) 3:02; Dunlap, Bro. (slashing) :31.

THIRD PERIOD - 8. Brophy, Carkeek (Zach Cox) 7:47pp. Penalties - Nicholas Ruby, Bro. (slashing) 13:02; Connor Hyde, Wat. (crosschecking) 11:44; Lee Jensen, Wat. (tripping) 8:45; Carkeek, Bro. (tripping) 6:03; Jacob Sessler, Wat. (tripping) 2:27; Ricci, Bro. (tripping) 2:27.

SHOTS ON GOAL
Brophy 11 5 2 18
Waterloo 5 13 13 31
Goalies - Brophy, Nicholas Ruby (29 saves); Waterloo, Chance Kremer (12 saves). Officials - Referee, Jim McKenna; Linesman - Thomas Albionia and Chris McPhee.

Quarterfinals WARRIORS 2, EAGLES 1

Waterloo 0 0 2-2
Santa Margarita 0 0 1-1

FIRST PERIOD - 1. No scoring. Penalties - Jake Lichty, Wat. (hooking) 16:38; Jacob Sessler, Wat. (cross checking) 10:12; Alex Schutte, Wat. (tripping) 4:38.

SECOND PERIOD - No scoring. Penalties - David Becker, Wat. (hooking), 11:08; Tim Brown, Wat. (cross checking), 9:51; Kyle McDonald, SM (holding), 3:59; Austin Jackson, Wat. (slashing), 3:08; Max Kilkuts, SM (tripping), :32.

THIRD PERIOD - 1. Waterloo, Brown (Lichty), 15:48. 2. Waterloo, Bryce Frost (unassisted), 36, etc. 3. Santa Margarita, Max Kilkuts (Kyle Conway, Brian Desmond), :13. Penalties - Jason Lively, SM (slashing) 13:05; Mike Kilkuts, SM (slashing) 2:23; Sean Cavanaugh, Wat. (slashing) 2:23.

SHOTS ON GOAL
Waterloo 8 13 11 32
Santa Margarita 12 16 11 39
Goalies - Waterloo, Chance Kremer (38 saves), Santa Margarita, Connor O'Brien (30 saves) Officials - Referee, Jim McKenna; Linesman - Mitch Anderson and Chris McPhee.