

# Warriors win thriller at nationals

■ Jackson's late goal gives Waterloo a 4-3 victory over Pinnacle.

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah** — It was a fantastic finish to say the least, and the Waterloo Warriors waited until time nearly expired before notching the winning goal Thursday in their second game at the USA Hockey High School National Tournament.

With eight seconds remaining in regulation, junior defenseman Tim Brown fired a blast from inside the blue line that banged off Pinnacle Pioneers goalie Matt Hill.



Austin Jackson

Austin Jackson was there for the rebound, and the Warriors' scoring leader found the back of the net for the winner in a thrilling 4-3 Waterloo victory.

"I don't believe we played our best hockey today," Warriors coach Doug Dietz said. "But like I told the guys after the game, 'Championship teams find a way to win,' and they did that today."

Dietz added, "They need to understand that they are playing in a national championship tournament and not to take anyone too lightly."

The Warriors won their first round match, 12-1, Thursday against the Washington Hornets.

"Teams will not lay down for us and we need guys to step up," said Dietz. "Today was a wake up call."

Several Warriors stepped up and collected their first points of the tournament.

## WARRIORS

Warriors faced 3-2 deficit with three minutes to play  
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Jackson and David Becker tallied the first two points for the Warriors, but the Pioneers found a way to tie the game.

The Pioneers took an early 3-2 lead in the third period, and held on until 2 minutes, 40 seconds remained in the game.

Grant Saul notched his first goal to tie the score at 3-3, setting up a tight finish.

As the game clock ticked under 10 seconds, Brown

launched his shot at the net, where Jackson was waiting. Jackson rattled the net with the winner, giving him four goals in two games.

The scoring took many unusual twists as both teams scored a goal short-handed and the Warriors collected three via the power play. Only one goal was recorded at even strength — the Pioneers' go-ahead effort in the third period.

Chance Kremer had 22 saves for the Warriors.

With the win, the Warriors finished round robin play today when they faced the Brophy Broncos, who won the Class 5A title in Arizona.

Puck drops at 11:15 a.m.

Waterloo	1	1	2-4
Pinnacle	1	1	1-3

FIRST PERIOD - 1. Waterloo, Austin Jackson (Connor Hyde, Jake Lichty) 8:27pp; 2. Pinnacle, Sean Joyce (Kristain Fontaine, Austin Curtis) 4:47pp. Penalties - Lichty, Wat. (tripping) 16:03; Dylan Wiffen, Pin. (slashing) 12:04; Kyle Hermann, Pin. (tripping) 9:46; Joyce, Pin. (roughing) 8:27; Alex Schutte, Wat. (boarding) 5:05.

SECOND PERIOD - 3. Waterloo, David Becker (Schutte) 6:39sh; 4. Pinnacle, Fontaine (Joyce) :37sh. Penalties - Lichty, Wat. (hooking) 14:53; Blake Walderson, Pin (tripping) 10:34; Jon Skarlis, Wat. (roughing) 8:34; Tim Brown, Wat. (crosschecking) 4:39; Hermann, Pin. (head contact) 1:25.

THIRD PERIOD - 5. Pinnacle, Hermann (Zach Bryant) 15:38; 6. Waterloo, Grant Saul (Rhodes Dolan, Lichty) 2:40pp; 7. Waterloo, Jackson (Brown) :08pp. Penalties - Alec Martin, Pin. (tripping) 13:29; Schutte, Wat. (interference) 7:11; Walderson, Pin. (kneeing) 4:22; Martin, Pin. (tripping) 4:22; Curtis, Pin. (tripping) :22.

### SHOTS ON GOAL

Waterloo	7	10	19-36
Pinnacle	5	11	9-25

Goalies - Waterloo, Chance Kremer (22 saves), Pinnacle, Matt Hill (32 saves).

Officials - Referee, Colby Olson. Linesman - Kristin Moore and Chris Wallick.