

SHOOTOFF TOPS PREP HOCKEY

Today's Semifinal Games

6:30 p.m. — Sioux City vs. Columbus
9 — Hoover-Roosevelt vs. Waterloo Losers' Bracket
8 a.m. — Dowling vs. Urbandale
10:30 a.m. — Ames vs. Valley
4 p.m. — Dowling-Urbandale winner vs. Mason City

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Columbus of Waterloo, Hoover-Roosevelt of Des Moines, Sioux City and defending champion Waterloo won opening-round victories Friday in the State High School hockey tournament at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

Mason City, a 6-5 winner over Ames in Friday morning's opener, lost to regular-season champion Columbus, 13-1, in the nightcap. In Friday's second game, Sioux City defeated Valley of West Des Moines, 4-3, in a rare shootoff after the teams battled to a 2-2 tie after one eight-minute overtime period.

In the final game of the afternoon, John Saf's goal on a breakaway 13 minutes 58 seconds into the final period, snapped a 3-3 tie and gave Hoover-Roosevelt an upset, 4-3, victory over Urbandale. Wendell Griess scored two goals for the winners, and Steve Hammer had a pair for the J-Hawks, who ended up with only 15 shots on Hoover-Roosevelt goalie Kevin Thompson for the contest.

After the first three games were decided by a single goal, Waterloo routed Dowling of West Des Moines, 9-3, in the first game Friday night.