

Sailors skate to state finals, 7-2

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URBANDALE—Columbus of Waterloo's hockey team shoots for its fifth state high school championship and second in a row Sunday when it meets Valley of West Des Moines at 4:30 p.m.

The Sailors, behind Scott Dolan's three-goal hat trick, stopped Urbandale 7-2 Saturday afternoon to advance to Sunday's title tilt. Valley earned the championship with a semifinal round win over Waterloo Public.

Public plays Urbandale at 2 p.m. for third place in the tournament. The Warriors met Columbus for last year's crown, but dropped a 4-3 decision.

Saturday's victory was Coach Duke Dutkowski's 100th at the Sailor helm. Columbus has just two losses this season—one in the Iowa High School Hockey League and one in a tournament at Brainerd, Minn.—and the Sailors have not lost to Valley this season. In fact, Columbus handed the Tigers their only two losses during the regular league season.

Dick Long got Columbus on the scoreboard Saturday with a goal just 3:27 into the game and the Sailors never trailed. Mark Lanigan made it 2-0 at the 7:18 mark.

Urbandale came back to score the first two goals of the second period and tie the game, but Dolan notched his first score with 14 seconds left in the period for a 3-2 Columbus edge.

The Sailors blanked Urbandale in the third period while finding the net for four more goals.

Bryan Trowbridge got the first of those goals with an assist from Mark Lanigan midway through the period for 4-2. Lanigan also assisted Bill McIntee's tally two minutes later for his third assist to go along with one goal.

Dolan capped the scoring with two goals in the final 1:32.

The Sailors drilled the Urbandale net with 49 shots in the game while facing just 29.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Columbus..... 2 1 4-7
Urbandale..... 0 2 0-2

FIRST PERIOD—1. Columbus, Long (Jasper) 3:27, 2. Columbus, Mark Lanigan (Sinnott) 7:18. Penalties—none.

SECOND PERIOD—3. Urbandale, Cross (Prediger, Hammer) 10:22, 4. Urbandale, Dewhurst (Hammer, Cross) 10:40, 5. Columbus, Dolan (Mark Lanigan) 14:46, Penalty—Cross (Urb-unsportsmanlike conduct) 14:09.

THIRD PERIOD—6. Columbus, Trowbridge (Mark Lanigan) 7:28, 7. Columbus, McIntee (Mark Lanigan) 9:28, 8. Columbus, Dolan (Trowbridge) 13:28, 9. Columbus, Dolan (unassisted) 14:37. Penalties—Prediger (Urb-roughing) 11:27, McIntee (Col-elbowing) 11:27, Urb-charging) 12:08, Hammer (Urb-misconduct) 12:08, Makohoniuk (Urb-misconduct, game misconduct) 13:28.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Columbus..... 12 14 23-49
Urbandale..... 10 14 5-29