

Urbandale, Sioux City win as state hockey tourney begins

Urbandale scored five third-period goals Thursday night to overcome Mason City, 8-6, and advance to a matchup with top-seeded Columbus in the Iowa High School state hockey tournament.

Matt Workman had four goals, including three in the final period, to pace the comeback and lead Urbandale in the battle between the league's eighth- and ninth-place teams.

In Thursday's second game at McElroy Auditorium, third-place Sioux City blasted sixth-place Dubuque, 9-1.

Urbandale, which moved on to face Columbus at 2 p.m. Friday, jumped ahead of Mason City in the early going on goals by Workman and Jamie Huffman. But Mason City,

led by Chris Peterson, responded quickly.

Peterson scored twice within 37 seconds to tie the game. Scott Johnson added another goal late in the first period to put Mason City ahead, 3-2.

The teams traded goals in the second period. Chad Conard scored on a power play for Urbandale, while Casey Holck, who also had three assists, lit the lamp in the final minute for Mason City.

Kirk Thoreson scored 1:59 into the third to give Mason City a 5-3 lead. But then Workman started working on Mason City goaltender Neil Gilmore, who had stopped 26 shots through the first two periods.

Workman drew Urbandale to within 5-4 with a goal 29 seconds after

Thoreson had scored. He added two more in the next 40 seconds to give Urbandale the lead they never relinquished.

Donnie Widlund, who assisted on Workman's go-ahead goal, added two insurance scores for Urbandale.

Brett Austin and T. J. Reinsch each scored twice in the second game as Sioux City out-shot Dubuque 57-22. Austin also had an assist for Sioux City, which scored six times in the first 11 minutes.

Sioux City will face Valley-Dowling or Ames on Saturday. Those two teams played in the first game Friday morning.

The fourth-seeded Waterloo Warriors faced off with Omaha in the middle game Friday.