

High School Hockey

Omaha knocks off Mohawks

OMAHA, Neb., - The Mason City High hockey team ran into one hot goalie Friday.

Omaha's Bret Roth stopped 20 of 21 shots to help lead the Lancers to a 3-1 victory in the first round of the Iowa High School State tournament at the Tranquility Ice Rink.

Mason City (18-7-2) outshot the Lancers, 21-13, but the Mohawks could only manage a second period goal from Jim Shovein. The Lancers scored a goal in each of the three periods.

"He (Roth) just got tougher as the game went on," said Mason City coach John Lloyd. "He cuts down the angles so well. I first saw him play in the all-star game last week, and originally thought that the (Omaha) Gladiators' goalie was better. But he (Roth) proved to be better (Friday)."

Mason City will play in the consolation round this morning at 8:30 a.m., against either Des Moines or Waterloo.

"It's hard on the kids to lose the first game," said Lloyd. "The

seniors feel the worst. I just told them that they gave everything they had, and I was proud of the job they did."

In Friday's contest, Omaha's Ryan Fitzpatrick scored at 13:08 of the first period to give the Lancers a 1-0 lead.

In the second period, Shovein scored his goal on an assist from Brad Park to knot the score at 1-1 just 1:42 into the period. Fitzpatrick scored his second goal for the Lancers at 14:34 of the second period.

Omaha added an insurance goal from Kent Kempkes in the third period.

Score by periods:	(1)	(2)	(3):	Tot:
Mason City	0	1	0-	1
Omaha	1	1	1-	3

FIRST PERIOD - Ryan Fitzpatrick (Omaha), Nick Saldi, 13:08.

SECOND PERIOD - Jim Shovein (Mason City), Brad Park (power play) 1:42. Fitzpatrick, Saldi, 14:34.

THIRD PERIOD - Kent Kempkes (O), J.R. Nana, 1:56.

Shots on goal - Mason City 9-6-6 - 21. Omaha 2-5-6 - 13.

Penalties-minutes - Mason City 2-4. Omaha 2-4.

Goalies - Mason City, Isaac Sorenson. Omaha, Bret Roth.