

# Mohawks win, then get stranded in Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. — To the victors goes the victory banquet, right?

Well, the Mason City hockey team won the consolation championship at the state high school tournament Sunday, defeating Dubuque 3-2, but the Mohawks' "banquet" probably wasn't quite what they had in mind.

The storm which hit the Midwest dumped about a foot of snow on Omaha, closing restaurants all around the Mohawks' hotel and stranding the team.

So, one of the parents, Mark Stanton, made it to a grocery store and bought meats, cheeses, chips and other goodies, and the team held its victory meal in the hotel lobby.

"It's just a mess here," said Mohawk coach John Lloyd. "You can hardly get out of the hotel. You can hardly see across the street."

In the consolation title game, Mason City fell behind Dubuque 1-0 in the first period.

"It looked like we were sleeping. I didn't think we were going to get a shot on goal," said Lloyd, whose team will leave for home this morning. "But we turned it around at the end of the first period, and the second and third were all ours."

Jerry Springer tied the score at 1-1, and Brad Park put the Mohawks ahead 2-1. An unlikely hero got the winning goal for the Mohawks. Adam Ackerman, a senior who saw limited experience on the varsity during the season, got the winning goal at the 6:05 mark. It was his first

action in the state tournament.

"He got the loose puck behind the net, then came around and put the backhand in," said Lloyd.

Before the tournament started, Lloyd said any one of six teams could win it. And he was proved right as Sioux City beat the Omaha Lancers 3-2 for the championship. They were the third- and sixth-place teams going into the tournament; the Lancers knocked the Mohawks into the consolation bracket.

During the regular season, Mason City beat the Lancers twice and Sioux City three times.

"We came back and played good hockey," Lloyd said of the tournament. "Good solid hockey."

For their efforts, several Mohawks were honored.

Named to the all-state team were forwards Jim Shovein and defensemen Michael Blaisdell and Brad Price. They also were named to the Chicago Showcase all-star game to be held in April.

Named honorable mention all-staters were Dan Klocke and Ramyleo Abujobarah.

| Score by periods: | (1) | (2) | (3) | Tot. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Dubuque           | 1   | 0   | 1-  | 2    |
| Mason City        | 0   | 2   | 1-  | 3    |

FIRST PERIOD — Jeff Smith (D), assist Roth, 9:32.

SECOND PERIOD — Jerry Springer (MC), Jon Anderson, 3:42. Brad Park (MC), Dan Klocke, Brad Price, 8:19.

THIRD PERIOD — Adam Ackerman (MC), unassisted, 6:05. Smith (D), Jason Hubanks, 12:19.

Shots on goal — Dubuque 11-2-6 — 19, Mason City 2-12-10 — 24.

Goalies — Jeremy Avenarius (D), Isaac Sorensen (MC).

Penalties-minutes — Mason City 4-12, Dubuque 5-10.