

STATE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Blades get out front, smother Mohawks, 6-3

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Inopportune penalties against a high-powered team proved to be too much for the Mason City Mohawk hockey team to overcome Friday.

Kansas City beat the Mohawks 6-3 in the first round of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament. Mason City dropped into the consolation round and plays at 11 a.m. today against an opponent to be determined.

Kansas City took a 3-0 lead on the Mohawks, with the last

two goals coming on the power play.

Mohawk coach John Lloyd took exception to the officiating.

"We were skating a man short all the time," he said. "The referee was calling a lot of interference penalties — nine of them — which you just can't see out there. So the boys didn't know what they could do and couldn't do. Both coaches were upset. It wasn't a cheap game or anything. It was pretty clean."

Mason City came back to within 3-2 on goals by Joe



Swyter



Anderegg

Anderegg in the first period and Ben Swyter in the second, but

three straight penalties "took it out of us," Lloyd said.

"We were spending too much time in the penalty box," he said. "We were down two men a couple of times."

Kansas City also played a smothering defense on the Mohawks (17-7).

"They play a very, very close-checking game," he said. "Our good skaters like (Jon) Anderson and (Ben) Klocke didn't have room to skate. That was good defense on their part."

Anderson finished the

Mohawk scoring with the final goal of the game.

Score by periods: (1) (2) (3) Tot
Mason City 1 1 1—3
Kansas City 3 1 2—6

FIRST PERIOD: 1. KC — Mark Rouch (Matt Hern), 7:01. 2. KC — Hern (Matt Reed), 8:15 (pp). 3. KC — John Kocahoa (Reed), 11:08 (pp). 4. MC — Joe Anderegg (Robbie Springer, Ben Swyter).

SECOND PERIOD: 5. MC — Swyter, 6:02. 6. KC — Reed (Hern), 7:30 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD: 7. KC — Chris Carl (Eric Smith), 3:19. 8. KC — Eric Loury (Hern), 4:52. 9. MC — Jon Anderson, 13:22.

Shots on goal — MC, 6-9-5—20. KC, 6-11-6—23.

Goalies — MC, Ramy Abu Jobarah (17 saves); KC, David Stewart (17 saves).

Penalties-minutes — Mason City 11-25, Kansas City 12-24.