

# Hockey team avoids morning wake-up call

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**DUBUQUE** — A win in Friday's opening round of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament is good for a couple of reasons.

First, if you win you advance to the semifinals, and keep alive hopes of playing for a state title. Also, if you win Friday, you get to sleep in a bit more Saturday morning.

Championship round games in the IHSHL state tournament are played in the afternoon. Saturday's consolation round games begin at 9 a.m., while Sunday's consolation round games get under way at 7 a.m.

Hockey players are used to early morning games, but that doesn't make getting ready for them any easier.

"When you lost the first

game, that makes it real tough," said Mohawk Evan Zach. "You just have to fight through it."

One player who welcomes the rest is Mason City goalie Brandon Lind. The junior missed three games at the end of the regular season because of mononucleosis.

He looked just fine Friday, finishing with 20 saves on 22 shots.

"We was a little rusty, but he'll be ready to go again tomorrow," said Mohawk coach Mark Hicks.

## **HONORED MOHAWKS**

The IHSHL honored student-athletes from every team with an academic achievement award. Mohawks who earned the honor included Zach, Lind, Kyle Abben, Brad Bohl, Erik Fox, Mike Lukes, Brandon Millard and Ben Miller.