

Mohawks fall to Capitals

□ Mason City Hockey Club places fourth at state tournament

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WATERLOO — Mason City and Des Moines spent this season as the dominant teams in the Iowa High School Hockey League.

The sides met on the last day of the IHSHL state tournament — only not for the title.

The Capitals took third place with a 3-2 victory over the Mohawks Sunday afternoon at Young Arena.

"It was a good game, for what it was worth," said Mason City coach Mark Hicks. "We came up short again. It was a tough way to finish the season."

Sioux City beat the Des Moines Oak Leafs 5-4 in triple overtime to win the IHSHL state tournament title. (See sidebar, B3.)

Mason City fell to Sioux City in a 6-4 upset on Saturday. Des Moines was dumped by its intown rival, the Oak Leafs, 3-0 on Saturday.

The Caps and Mohawks skated to a scoreless draw in the first period. Des Moines took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jamie Gordon-Kamm 1:12 into the second period. Brad Krueger pushed the lead to 2-0 with his goal 1:06 into the third.

Mason City came to life in the third. Mike Paulsen scored an unassisted goal at 3:10. Carter Angell moved the game to 2-all with his goal on assists by Mike Murtaugh and Kyle Burgmeier with five minutes to play.

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Tim Ramsey ended Mason City's hopes 32 seconds later. Ramsey scored on assists by Eric Keese and Austin Olson to put the Caps up 3-2.

"I thought the guys played well," Hicks said. "They came back, but it wasn't meant to be, I guess."

NOTES: Sunday was the last game for seniors Brandon Millard, Evan Zach, Ben Miller, Brandon Lind, Brad Bohl, Parker Zanos, Kyle Abben and Paulsen....

Abben, Bohl, Lind, Millard will play in next weekend's all-star game. They will be joined by juniors Murtaugh and Cole Despenas...

Hicks was named IHSHL Coach of the Year at an awards banquet Saturday night...

Also honored on Saturday were players who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the season. They include Abben, Angell, Bohl, Kyle Burgmeier, Justin Johnson, Lind, Miller, Millard, Spencer Neuberger, Paulsen, Zach and Zanos...

CAPITALS 3, MOHAWKS 2

Mason City	0	0	2	2
Des Moines	0	1	2	3

FIRST PERIOD — no scoring. **Penalties** — 1. Mason City: Bench (too many men), 3:33. 2. Des Moines: Tim Ramsey (slash), 9:14.

SECOND PERIOD — 1. Des Moines: Jamie Gordon-Kamm (James Brock, Roch Naert), 1:12. **Penalties** — 3. Des Moines: Eric Adamson (slash), 9:47.

THIRD PERIOD — 2. Des Moines: Brad Krueger (Brock), 1:06. 3. Mason City: Mike Paulsen (unassisted), 3:10. 4. Mason City: Carter Angell (Mike Murtaugh, Kyle Burgmeier), 10:00. 5. Des Moines: Ramsey (Eric Keese, Austin Olson), 10:32. **Penalties** — 4. Mason City: Parker Zanos (hold), 8:07. 5. Des Moines: Gordon-Kamm (hook), 12:03.

Shots on Goal

Mason City	9	8	9	26
Des Moines	5	11	9	25

Goalies — Mason City: Brandon Lind (25 shots, 22 saves). Des Moines: Kyle Walsh (26 shots, 24 saves).



Hicks