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Mason City's Gilberto Solivan was second to his teammate Alex Maginnis in points scored this season. Solivan will be one of the keys to the Mohawks' success during this weekend's state hockey tournament in Shawnee, Kan.

# Maginnis, Solivan make a solid one-two punch for Mohawks

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## COVER STORY

**MASON CITY** — Individually, Alex Maginnis and Gilberto Solivan might not intimidate an opposing goalie.

Together, the Mason City Hockey Club players form a nightmare tandem for opponents.

"When we are playing our best, we are unstoppable," Maginnis said.

This year, they have been exactly that.

Maginnis and Solivan finished 1-2 in points in the Iowa High School Hockey League.

Maginnis tied a team-record with 76 points (39 goals, 37 assists), while Solivan finished with 67 (25 goals, 42 assists).

"We've had some good ones over the past few years," Mason City coach Mark Hicks said. "These

guys rank right up there."

And they do it in different ways.

Maginnis, who scored 52 points as a junior, always has a target on his back.

He's often the focal point of the opposition's game plan.

That attention is one of the reasons the Mohawks scored the third-most goals in the league (120).

"He makes everybody around him better because the other team is so worried about him," Hicks said. "He is probably the hardest working kid I have ever had play for me."

Solivan, on the other hand, began the season under the radar.

He scored two goals his junior year. He did that in Mason City's first game of this season.

"I just kind of went with the flow," Solivan said. "I didn't even think about it."

Solivan and his teammates call his style greasy.

While he may be smooth with the puck and great in one-on-one situations, Hicks said one his best assets is his strength.

"Pound-for-pound, he is one of the strongest guys in the league," Hicks said.

Maginnis, who has 20 pounds on Solivan, can attest to that.

"I've beat him up in a hotel room once," Solivan said with a grin.

While they seem to have plenty of fun off the ice, it's nothing compared to what they've accomplished on the ice.

"He'll do his thing and I'll do my thing," Maginnis said. "Then the puck just ends up in the net."

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