

## STATE HOCKEY

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Klocke's first varsity goal worth the wait as Mason City wins



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Mason City's Zach Buss (44) congratulates goalie Austin Maginnis on his shutout after the Mohawks won 2-0 to advance to the semifinals of the Iowa High School Hockey League State Tournament.

## Mohawks advance to state semifinals to face Oak Leafs

## OTHER SCORES

D.M. Capitals 6,  
Kansas City 2



D.M. Oak Leafs 4,  
Ames 1



Sioux City 3,  
Omaha 2



## TODAY'S SEMIFINALS

1:30 p.m.

D.M. Capitals vs. Sioux City

3:45 p.m.

Mason City vs. D.M. Oak Leafs

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**SHAWNEE, Kan.** — Senior defenseman Josh Klocke knows his role on the Mason City Hockey Club.

"He's a checker and penalty killer," Mason City coach Mark Hicks said. "Now, Klocke can add goal scorer to his resume. Klocke scored his first varsity goal Friday to help the Mohawks past Lincoln 2-0 in the opening round of the Iowa High School Hockey League State Tournament."

"It's been a long time coming," Klocke said. "I knew it had to come sooner or later."

Klocke said the feeling he had during warm-ups led him to believe that he was about to find the net for the first time.

"I was thinking all day that I was going to do it tonight," he said.

His goal gave the second-seeded Mohawks a 1-0 lead 4 minutes, 55 seconds into the game and



Klocke

helped settle the nerves of Mason City.

Klocke and Hicks admitted there were some butterflies in the locker room, but Klocke's goal helped the Mohawks settle down.

"That was something our team needed," Hicks said. "They figured if Josh was going to score then he was going to be alright."

Four minutes after Klocke's goal, Alex Maginnis scored on a breakaway to give the Mohawks a 2-0 lead.

From then on, Alex's younger brother, Austin, took over.

The sophomore goaltender stopped 22 shots, including some spectacular saves in the third period to keep the Jr. Stars at bay.

"I was pretty nervous starting in my first varsity state tournament," the goaltender said. "All day it was Red Bull, Red Bull, Red Bull."

Mason City had a chance to put the game out of reach in the second period, but Lincoln goaltender Chris Taylor made 15 saves.

While the Mohawks didn't score in the period, Hicks said putting that kind of pressure on a goal-

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## Mason City must finish scoring tries

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tender is something they will need to do today against the

third-seeded Des Moines Oak Leafs.

"You can never complain when you get chances," Hicks said.

"When we get chances the rest of the

tournament, we're going to bury them. We have guys that can score."

## MASON CITY 2, LINCOLN 0

Mason City	2	0	0	—	2
Lincoln	0	0	0	—	0

## SCORING

First period — MC 1, Josh Klocke (Nils Berggren, Matt Klockner) 4:55; MC 2, Alex Maginnis (Zach Buss, Gilberto Soliman) 8:54.

Shots on goal — Mason City — 6-15-1—24; Lincoln — 6-4-12 — 22.

Penalties — Mason City 3-6; Lincoln 9-14.  
Goalies — Mason City: Austin Maginnis 22 saves; Lincoln: Chris Taylor 22 saves.



Hicks

## Mohawks face speedy Oak Leafs

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**SHAWNEE, Kan.** — The scouting report on the Des Moines Oak Leafs is simple.

Speed, speed and more speed.

That's what the second-seeded Mason City Hockey Club will have to contain when it plays the third-seeded Oak Leafs today at 3:45 in the Iowa High School Hockey league state tournament.

"They are the fastest team we will play all year," Mason City goaltender Austin Maginnis said. "They get a lot of shots."

The Oak Leafs advanced with a 4-1 win over Omaha on Friday while the Mohawks blanked Lincoln 2-0. Mason City held a 2-0 lead after the first period Friday, and that's something that will be crucial today.

"We have got to make the first hits, score the first goal, get all the momentum," senior defenseman Josh Klocke said.

In the regular season, the Mohawks and Oak Leafs



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Mason City's Mitch Paulsen (47) recovers a pass from a teammate during Friday's first-round game against Lincoln.

each won once and tied 4-4 in their last meeting on Feb. 25 at the North Iowa Ice Arena in Mason City.

In today's game, one of the biggest keys may be the condition of the ice.

"The ice is slow, so hopefully that will slow them down a little bit," Mason City coach Mark Hicks said.

The winner of today's game will meet either the

Des Moines Capitals or the Sioux City Metros in the championship game on Sunday.

The Capitals cruised past the Kansas City Jr. Outlaws 6-2 while the Metros edged the Omaha Jr. Lancers 3-2.

"We are going to have to play our best game," Hicks said. "This building takes a lot out of you, but the kids will be ready to play."