

STATE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Mohawks move
to final four, 4-0

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URBANDALE — The
Mason City Hockey Club's first
line of Mitch Paulsen, Nils
Berggren and
Brent Schloemer
had found itself in a bit of
a scoring
slump.
Consider
that slump
history.
The
Mohawk trio
combined for
four goals and
six assists in a 4-0 victory over
seventh-seeded Waterloo in the
first round of the state hockey
tournament.
"Lately we've been in a
slump, but we wanted to come
out and prove we can score
goals," Berggren said.
Second-seeded Mason City
wasted little time doing so.
Paulsen put the Mohawks on
the board 26 seconds into the
contest on a feed from Schloemer
and Berggren.
"That's a good way to start,"
Mason City coach Mark Hicks
said. "That's their job. When
they get scoring chances, they
bury them. Right away, that
put a lot of pressure on them."
And it took plenty of pressure
off the young Mohawks.
"It was a surprise scoring
that early," Berggren said. "We
were pretty nervous coming in
because we're so young, but it
really settled us down."
After allowing 12 first-period
shots on goal, so did the Mason
City defense.
Mohawks goaltender Austin
Maginnis faced only eight shots
the rest of the way.
"Our first and second lines
did a good job of forechecking,"
said Maginnis, who posted his
11th shutout of the season.
"Then the third line came in
and pounded people."
Hicks said that was exactly
what the Mohawks needed.
"You have to have three good
lines to win a state championship,"
he said.
Now the Mohawks are one
win away from the title game.
Mason City (26-5-2-1) next
face the sixth-seeded Kansas
City Outlaws at 12:30 p.m.
today in a state semifinal. The
Outlaws upset the Capitals 4-1
to advance to the final four.
"We want to beat the best,"
Berggren said.



Paulsen

MASON CITY 4, WATERLOO 0

Waterloo	0	0	0	—	0
Mason City	1	3	0	—	4

First period — MC: 1. Mitch Paulsen (Nils Berggren, Brent Schloemer) :26.
Second period — MC: 2. Berggren (Paulsen, Schloemer) :56; MC: 3. Schloemer (power play) (Matt Adamski, Paulsen) 2:18; MC: 4. Schloemer (pp) (Berggren, Garrett Hepperly) 12:18.
Shots on goal — Waterloo: 12-5-3 — 20; Mason City: 13-21-12 — 46. Penalties-minutes — Waterloo: 12-32; Mason City: 11-22. Goalties — Waterloo: Ryan Larrabee 42 saves; Mason City: Austin Maginnis 20 saves.

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