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HOCKEY FAITHFUL MEET IN AMES

Mason City Mohawks fans cheer in the stands after junior Zach Jimenez scores a goal in the first period against Omaha Friday during the quarterfinal round of the Midwest High School Hockey League championship tournament in Ames. **The Mohawks lost, 7-1. For more, turn to Page B1.**

Omaha proves too much for Mohawks



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Mason City Mohawks junior Cade Bamrick, right, moves the puck down the ice with pressure from Omaha junior Noah Peyton Friday during the quarterfinal round of the Midwest High School Hockey League championship tournament in Ames.

7-1 loss bounces team from tourney

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AMES — The Mohawk Hockey Club knew it would take a tremendous effort for it to move past the first round of the Midwest High School Hockey League tournament.

Facing second-seeded Omaha in Friday's quarterfinal game, the pack never bounced the Mohawks' way as the Jr. Lancers rolled to a 7-1 victory.

"At the very beginning of the

game we discussed being mentally focused and ready whether we're up a couple goals or down a couple goals ... Just be prepared to battle, and we did that especially in the third period," Mohawk Hockey Club co-coach Rich Gores said. "We told them to go down and fight and leave it all out there."

The fight was made more difficult as Omaha (26-1-1-1) used its athleticism throughout to outplay the Mohawks (12-15-0-2).

The Jr. Lancers tallied two quick goals within 7 minutes and 30 seconds into the game to put the Mohawks in a hole.

The Mohawks did respond in the period when Zach Jimenez, assisted by Nate Lassise and

Jaxon Jones, lit the lamp at the 11:18 mark to bring them within 1, down 2-1.

But the Jr. Lancers were too good on this night. They tallied one more goal at the end of the first and added three in the second before the Mohawks held them to 1 goal in the third period.

Joe Negrete scored twice for Omaha on the night and Jackson Peterson and Thomas Dyball each had three-point nights.

Mason City goalie Derek Walker stopped 21 of the 27 shots he faced before giving way to Andy Hitchcock in the third period, who finished with two saves on three shots.

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The Mohawk Hockey Club graduates 10 seniors but returns a wealth of experience and talent, including all three players who recorded a point Friday — Jimenez, Lassise and Jones. The trio will all return for their senior seasons.

"The juniors already said 'We're going to get back here.' Right now it stings and they feel it, but hopefully they'll be motivated going into next year," Gores said.

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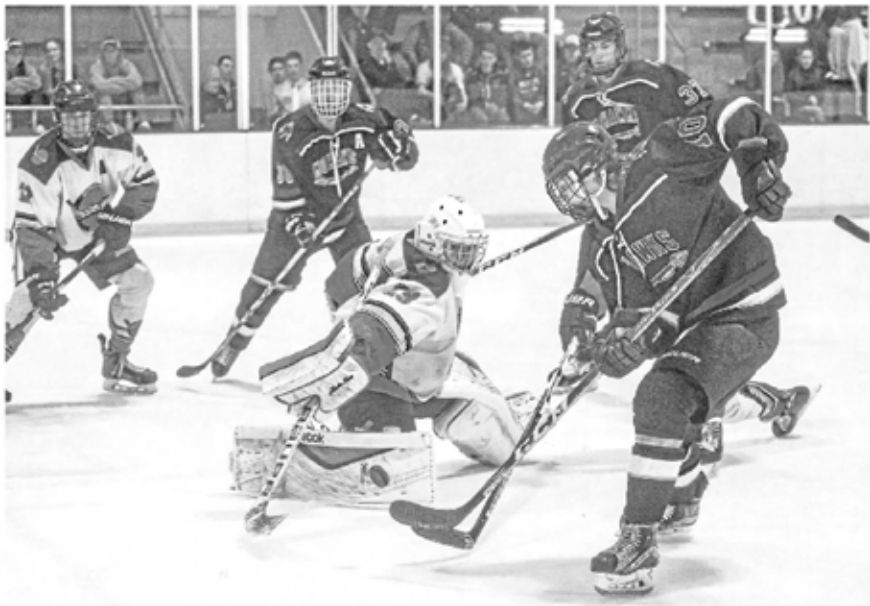
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First period — 0-1: Austin Eastey (Alec Skradskil), 5:28; 0-2: Cody Walters (Jackson Peterson) 7:32, MC 1: Zach Jimenez (Nate Lassise, Jaxon Jones), 11:18; 0-3: Brendan Hill (Thomas Dyball), 16:35.

Second period — 0-4: Dyball (Skradskil), 6:03; 0-5: Joe Negrete (Peterson), 6:48; 0-6: Negrete (Peterson, Walters), 13:38.

Third period — Zach Guhn (power play) (Dyball), 15:08.

Shots on goal — Omaha 30, Mason City 21. **Penalties** — minutes — Omaha 4-8, Mason City 2-4. **Power-play opportunities** — Omaha 1 for 2, Mason City 0 for 4. **Goalies** — Omaha: Kevin Freestone 20 saves, Mason City: Derek Walker 21 saves, Andy Hitchcock 2 saves.



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Mason City Mohawks senior JJ. Hahn, right, takes a shot against Omaha goalie Kevin Freestone Friday during the quarterfinal round of the Midwest High School Hockey League championship tournament in Ames.