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Flyers Cup Class 2A quarterfinal: William Tennent 5, Haverford 4 (OT)

William Tennent ice hockey prevails in OT

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WARMINSTER — Jack McKeever scored the game-winning goal six minutes into overtime to lead William Tennent to a 5-4 victory over Haverford on Thursday night in quarterfinal action in the Flyers Cup ice hockey tournament at the Bucks County Ice Sports Center.

The Panthers will face Central Bucks West in the Class 2A semifinal on Monday, 7:45 p.m., at Hatfield.

Sean Ovington, who had already scored and assisted on another goal, set up the winning shot from behind the net.

"I normally work from behind the net, and I was just looking for somebody out in front," Ovington said. "Jack and his brother (Mason McKeever) were both out there. After I got the puck, I saw Jack coming down the side, so I passed it to him."

McKeever, who was about 15 yards out, put the shot past Tyler Cassidy before the goalie had a chance to react. If Cassidy was weary, he wasn't the only one.

"We were all tired, so we knew that we had to grind this one out," Ovington said.

"It's tough to play back-to-back," Tennent coach Nick D'Aurizio said. "I think the guys on both benches were worn out. When the game went into overtime, it was all about heart. Our guys played their hearts out.

"We played Haverford last year in the Flyers Cup and they knocked us out (of the tournament). They're a good hockey team and we knew it. They're very tenacious. They stuck with us for the whole 48 minutes and then some."

"This team was prepared for us," Ovington said. "We had to get some quick goals and then just go from there."

Ovington wasted little time scoring the first goal one minute after the opening faceoff. Haverford was trying to clear the puck from in front of its goal when Ovington intercepted it.

"(A defender) went behind the net and tried to take the puck out of their zone," Ovington said. "I stick-checked the guy and got the puck off of him and put it into the net."

One minute later, Andre Trozzi scored to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead barely two minutes into the game, but the Fords made it 2-1 after the opening frame.

Stephen Skiba scored to begin the second period. Blake Bagdon passed the puck to Skiba, who was on the right side of center ice. Skiba was also one stride ahead of the only defender who was near him. He crossed the blue line, broke for the goal and put a shot past Cassidy for a 3-1 lead.

Dominic Pantalone, who scored the Fords' first goal, added another one in the second for a 3-2 score after two periods.

Teammate Henry DeVoe scored the first of his two third-period goals at the outset, which tied the score at 3.

Christopher Kreider scored on a power play two minutes later to give Tennent another lead, but DeVoe knotted the score with six minutes left in regulation for a 4-4 tie and to set up the climactic overtime period.

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William Tennent 5, Haverford 4 (OT)

Haverford 1 1 2 0-4

William Tennent 2 1 1 1-5

First-period goals: Sean Ovington (WT), unassisted, 1:06; Andre Trozzi (WT) from Jack McKeever, 2:06; Dominic Pantalone (H) from Dante Gattone, 2:37

Second-period goals: Stephen Skiba (WT) from Blake Bagdon, 3:06; Dominic Pantalone (H) from Henry DeVoe, 7:39

Third-period goals: Henry DeVoe (H) from Shane Moran, :31; Christopher Kreider (WT) from Sean Ovington, 2:08; Henry DeVoe (H) from Dante Gattone and Dominic Pantalone, 9:53

Overtime goal: Jack McKeever (WT) from Sean Ovington, 6:02

Shots: Haverford 34, Tennent 35.

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