

Kenmore/Grand Island blanks LID in girls sectional semifinals

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Kenmore/Grand Island players celebrate with goalie Carolyn Bourgeault after the 3-0 win over Lancaster/Iroquois/Depew in the Section VI girls hockey semifinals.

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In the semifinals of the Section VI girls hockey playoffs, fourth-seed Kenmore/Grand Island came out on top against top overall seed Lancaster/Iroquois/Depew, 3-0, at the Northtown Center in Amherst.

They will play Williamsville at Cornerstone in Lockport on Monday at 7 p.m. for the Section VI championship and the right to play in the state tournament.

The teams remained scoreless throughout the opening period, neither gaining an edge.

Halfway through the second, both offenses still weren't clicking. But, a passing play started by Abigail Blair led to the first goal of the game.

Blair passed up to Kaylynn Savoy, who then dished it to Carissa Buyea for the goal at the 8:58 mark in the second.

It was the only goal the rest of the period while Kenmore/GI held a slight shot advantage 21 to 18.

Blair and Savoy wouldn't be done in the third. Blair fired a rocket off a pass from Savoy that found the back of the net 4:30 into the third.

During the regular season, Blair led the team with 12 points.

LID was unable to get anything past goaltender Carolyn Bourgeault, who finished with a 31-save shutout.

Bourgeault has been excellent in net with consecutive shutouts in the Section VI tournament this season. She's placed the most minutes of any goalie in the section this season.

Savoy finished the game with an empty net goal at 14:06 of the third.

For Kenmore/GI it's a Cinderella run after only winning four games this season and for LID it's another disappointing end.

LID finished the regular season at 13-0-0-0-1, then lost in the WNY Fed finals despite being the No. 1 seed heading in.

It is also the end of LID's Jersey Phillips' high school hockey career. She ranks sixth all-time in points with 122.



Williamsville Jenna Cavalieri battles Frontier/Lake Shore/Orchard Park's Kathleen Dougherty for the puck in the first period Thursday at Northtown Center. (James P. McCoy/Buffalo News)

Williamsville advanced to the final with a 3-0 win over Frontier/Lake Shore/Orchard Park.

eerily similar to the game played on the ice right before them, neither team scored the entire first period before the tie was broken at the eight-minute mark in the second.

Jenna Cavalieri scored on the power play, assisted by Erin and Emma Roland. It was 1-0 after two.

Emma Roland scored at 2:47 of the third and an empty net goal at 14:12 to ice it. Mia Wendell stopped 28 shots for the shutout.

With a win against Kenmore/GI on Monday, Williamsville will head back to the state tournament looking for its second straight title.