

Lakers advance to the NCAA Women's Hockey Tournament after a 2-1 win against Robert Morris.

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BUFFALO, N.Y. - Summer-Rea Dobson scored the winning goal in overtime for the Mercyhurst Women's ice hockey team at the Harborcenter. Dobson's goal won the CHA championship for Mercyhurst, which meant a loss for Robert Morris.

The game ended with a score of 2-1 in Mercyhurst's favor. Rachel Marmen scored the first goal for the Lakers during the third period, and was assisted by Sarah Nelles, Emily Pinto and Megan Korzack. Marmen's goal tied the game that continued into overtime.

"We've just been working hard throughout the whole year." Marmen stated. "We never let go. From the bottom of our roster to the top of our roster, everyone contributed. It's so important. That's how we won."

Kennedy Blair was the winning goalie for Mercyhurst with 31 saves.

"It's an awesome feeling. We worked so hard all season for this. Those hard practices doing down and backs. Waking up super early. Working out every day. I think it all works out in the end. It's a great feeling to do it with my teammates and friends." Blair stated.

Blair gave up a goal to Robert Morris's Michaela Boyle two minutes into the start of the game, but this did not affect Blair's performance.

Mercyhurst coach Mike Sisti, when asked, said Blair was fantastic. "She was. I said this all season, I think we have three great goalies. It makes it for a tougher decision on who's going to start. A lot of times you can't lose whoever you are going to start they're so good. She's played in a lot of big games for us. And obviously she was a brick wall back there and a big reason why we won."

Blair was named MVP of the tournament.

"I didn't expect it." Blair stated "It starts with the forwards and defense in front helping me out. That's huge too. That gives me confidence back there to play well. Which when they play well in front of me."

Summer-Rea Dobson was named to the All-Star Tournament Team.