

Dowling ace garners title

DES MOINES — In an exciting duel that went down to the Division I finale Barney Munro of West Des Moines Dowling edged Sioux City's Brian Hartman as the Iowa High School Hockey League's scoring champion.

Munro, a junior, scored a hat trick and added an assist to lead the Maroons to a 5-3 victory over defending state champion Waterloo Columbus in the league's final game. The four-point performance let Munro finish the regular season with 18 goals and 18 assists, 36 points. Hartman, a senior for the Jr. Musketeers, finished with 20 goals and 14 assists for 34 points to narrowly miss capturing his second successive scoring title in the state league.

Another senior, Craig Brown of Columbus' co-champions (Dowling also finished with a 10-2 record and 20 points), tallied 14 points in his last three games to zip into a tie with Hartman with 34 points.

Sioux City (6-4-2-14), which finished in third place in Division I, will host Division II leader Ankeny (6-0) in district play at Sioux City

Auditorium Saturday and Sunday. Other districts this weekend will be at Des Moines and Waterloo.

Games are scheduled in Sioux City both days with both the Jr. Musketeers and Ankeny advancing to the state finals here March 9-12. The team scoring more goals will be top-seeded in the state meet.

In District II, at Waterloo, Waterloo plays Mason City Thursday and the loser will be eliminated. Waterloo Columbus and the winner will then duel. District III and IV are at Des Moines Friday and Sunday. In District III it's Urbandale vs. Des Moines Lincoln with the winner going against Dowling on Sunday. West Des Moines Valley plays Ames in IV Friday with the winner facing Des Moines Roosevelt-Hoover Sunday.

Behind the three leaders in Division I came Waterloo with 10 points, Roosevelt-Hoover and Valley with 9 and Urbandale with 2.

Division II final standings had Ankeny with 12 points, Mason City with 6, Lincoln with 4 and Ames with none.