

# Columbus stops Metros

DES MOINES — Sioux City Metros put up a championship struggle against top seeded Waterloo Columbus before dropping a 3-0 verdict in the semifinals of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament here Saturday night.

The loss sends the Metros into a consolation clash with the loser of Saturday night's Waterloo Public-Des Moines Roosevelt-Hoover match at 2 p.m. today.

Playing with the same spirit and determination that delivered them to a nailbiting 4-3 win over West Des Moines Valley Friday, the Sioux Cityans didn't let the league's regular season champs relax for one minute during Saturday night's battle.

Right from the start of the Columbus game the Metros were forced to deal with adversity. In the first period, Sioux City sent six players to the penalty box and as a result, was forced to play the majority of that stanza short-handed. Despite getting only one shot off against the Columbus netminder during that period, the Metros, behind the stellar goaltending of Craig Patrick, kept the Waterloo scorers at bay and managed to end the period in a scoreless deadlock.

Columbus broke on top for good in the next period when Matt Morgan scored an unassisted goal at the 6:05 mark. Although outshooting their opponents 9-7 in that period, the Metros saw several one-on-one situations against Columbus goaltender Scott Boice go astray.

In the final period, both teams

continued to dual to a virtual dead heat with the Sailors still holding their one-goal lead with less than three minutes left in the game. The victors did manage to put icing on their cake in the final minutes when Steve McIntee ripped the Sioux City goal crease with just 2:40 remaining. Columbus' final score came after Sioux City pulled its goalie in the closing moments, giving Scott Dolan an open net to drill home a goal with 25 seconds remaining.

Despite the loss, the game was a defensive victory for the Metros as they held the winners, who ripped the nets for 13 goals on Friday night against Mason City, in check for most of the game. Goalie Patrick, who was credited with playing his finest game of the year, excelled by turning back 25 shots during the game.

Regardless of today's consolation game outcome, Sioux City is assured of bettering its regular season fifth place finish. The Metros sport an 11-9 mark entering their season finale.

## Summary

**First Period:** No scoring. Penalties: Adam, SC, 3:06; Wiffen, SC, 4:29; Dolan WC, 4:29; Leskun, WC, 7:17; Kentner, SC, 7:43; Lohry, SC, 8:59; Reynolds, SC, 12:31; Kieler, SC, 12:31.

**Second Period:** 1, Columbus—Matt Morgan 6:05. Penalties: McIntee, WC, :48; Lanigan, WC, 2:43; Batcheller, SC, 8:51; Sinnott, WC, 12:58.

**Third Period:** 2, Columbus—Steve McIntee (Scott Dolan, Bryan Trowbridge) 12:20. 3, Columbus—Scott Dolan 14:35. Penalties: Hartman, SC, 4:29; Lanigan, WC, 4:29; Adam, SC, 12:37; Hansen, WC, 12:54; Batcheller, SC, 14:59.

### Score by periods:

Sioux City	0	0	0	—	0
Waterloo Columbus	0	1	2	—	3

### Shots on goal:

Sioux City	1	9	10	—	20
Waterloo Columbus	7	7	14	—	28

Goalies: Craig Patrick, Sioux City; Scott Boice, Columbus.