

Metros earn opportunity to play for IHSHL crown

DES MOINES — Sioux City's Metros shaded Waterloo Columbus 4-3 and then nipped Mason City 1-0 in an abbreviated playoff game to retain their hopes of capturing the Iowa High School Hockey League championship here Saturday.

The Metros started the busy day with an 8-3 loss to Waterloo Public before rebounding to move into Sunday's quarterfinals. At 9 a.m. today Sioux City will get another shot at Waterloo Public with that winner gaining the finals opposite the Ames-Urbandale winner. The semi losers clash for third place.

The "mini" playoff game (a 10-minute match) took place after both the Metros and Mason City ended preliminary play with two points. Sioux City won the game when Rob Casper scored at 8:01 on an assist from Mick Emerick. Up to that point Sioux City had five shots and Mason City had six against Scott Patrick, playing his fifth straight game in Sioux City's nets.

Sioux City opened the day with the loss to Waterloo Public, although the issue wasn't settled until Waterloo erupted for five goals in the middle period. The first three goals in that surge came in the span of 27 seconds.

Brad Kieler, Hannus Koivu and Mike Scott goaled to give Sioux City a 2-0 lead in the second game against Waterloo Columbus, but it took Emerick's power play score at 3:57

of the final stanza to secure the win.

Summaries

WATERLOO PUBLIC 8, SIOUX CITY 3

First period: 1, Waterloo — Brian Cook (Mark Gillard), 4:8. 2, Sioux City — Brian Burke (Hannes Koivu, Rob Casper), 6:01. Penalties: Nicholson, W, 3:17; Brown, W, 5:31; Jacoby, W, 9:16; Casper, SC, 10:12.

Second period: 3, Waterloo — T.J. Saul (Rob Brown, Tim Bartz), 2:18. 4, Waterloo — Brian Carnes (Cook, Brown), 2:25. 5, Waterloo — Gillard (Cook), 2:45. 6, Sioux City — Mark Laurent (Kirk Swanson), 3:34. 7, Sioux City — Casper (Mick Emerick), 5:27. 8, Waterloo — Dave LeCompt (Bartz), 7:21. 9, Waterloo — Cook (Saul, Del Donaldson), 10:19. Penalties: Cook, W, 6:08; M. Swartzel, SC, 6:38; Donaldson, W, 6:38; Kieler, SC, 8:18.

Third period: 10, Waterloo — Ryan Remling (Saul, Bartz), 13:13. 11, Waterloo — Jacoby (Cook, Bartz), 14:57. Penalties: Saul, W, 4:03; Skarlis, W, 7:29; Donaldson, W, 9:50; Schmith, SC, 9:50; Levich, SC, 13:07; Gillard, W, 14:21.

Score by periods:

Waterloo	1	5	2	— 8
Sioux City	1	2	0	— 3

Shots on goal:

Waterloo	8	13	20	— 41
Sioux City	14	9	12	— 35

Goalies: Todd Burch, Waterloo; Scott Patrick, Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY 4, WATERLOO COLUMBUS 3

First period: 1, Sioux City — Brad Kieler (unassisted), 3:28. 2, Sioux City — Hannus Koivu (Shane Rol), 7:55. Penalties: Rink, C, 4:11; John Jasper, C, 11:06; B. Swartzel, SC, 15:00; Smith, C, 15:00.

Second period: 3, Sioux City — Mike Scott (Chad McCormick), 2:59. 4, Columbus — John Jasper (Scott Jasper, Jeff Wildner), 8:41. 5, Columbus — Tom Lanigan (Joel Jasper, Jeff Rink), 9:35. Penalties: Sinnatt, C, 4:24; Schmith, SC, 5:36; John Jasper, C, 8:55; Koivu, SC, 10:01; Fischer, C, 12:27; Emerick, SC, 13:54.

Third period: 6, Sioux City — Emerick (Mark Laurent), 3:57. 7, Columbus — Matt Smith (Tony Fischer), 14:24. Penalties: John Jasper, C, 2:25; Rol, SC, 4:47; Smith, C, 8:33; Rink, C, 9:26; M. Swartzel, SC, 10:58; John Jasper, C, 11:11.

Score by periods:

Columbus	0	2	1	— 3
Sioux City	2	1	1	— 4

Shots on goal:

Columbus	7	10	15	— 32
Sioux City	12	11	13	— 36

Goalies: Pat Lanigan, Columbus; Scott Patrick, Sioux City.