

Metros finish second in state

MASON CITY, Iowa — West Des Moines Dowling-Valley concluded a rags to riches story Sunday by defeating the Sioux City Metros 4-1 to win the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament here.

Dowling-Valley had finished no better than fourth in regular-season IHSHL play and entered the tournament with just a 7-11 record.

However, Dowling-Valley scored two upset wins, including the title game triumph over Sioux City, to finish the season 10-11.

The Metros came into the tournament with a 13-4-1 record and had finished second to regular-season champion Waterloo Columbus (17-1-0) in the standings.

Dowling-Valley had also beaten top-seeded Columbus in the semifinals, 4-2, and trimmed Mason City, the defending state champion, in the first round, 5-3.

In the consolation game Sunday, Columbus closed out a 19-2-0 campaign by beating Waterloo Public in the third-place game, 2-1.

In other games Sunday, Urbandale defeated Ames, 8-1, and Mason City

tripped Urbandale, 6-3. Mason City was fourth in the tourney, Urbandale sixth and Ames seventh.

Metro goaltender Scott Patrick was named to the all-state team for the second straight year and teammates Todd Coyle and Dirk Richou were also named to the all-state team.

Patrick was named the most valuable player in last year's state tournament.

Sunday, Dowling-Valley scored the only goal in a nearly penalty-free first period when Mike Blackburn beat Patrick at 1:49. There was just one penalty whistled in the opening period.

Dowling-Valley then stretched its lead to 3-0 on second-period goals by Jon Strako at 2:16 and Tony Dressen at 6:17.

Sioux City's Ross Van Rooyan broke the ice for the Metros with a goal at 7:24 of the third period, but Dressen added a clinching red-lighter for Dowling-Valley at 12:24.

The goal by Dowling-Valley's Strako was a rare one. Of the 45 players with 10 or more points listed in the final IHSHL regular-season

statistics, Strako wasn't included.

Sioux City had beaten Dowling-Valley twice during the season, but the West Des Moines squad had upset the Metros in the final regular-season game in Sioux City on Feb. 20.

The Metros had also shut out Dowling-Valley in the first round of last year's state tournament in Sioux City, 1-0.

Sioux City finished third in the 1987 state tourney at Sioux City Auditorium, outlasting Waterloo Public in two overtimes in the consolation game, 3-2.

Summary

First period: 1, West Des Moines Dowling-Valley — Mike Blackburn (Dave Watson) 1:49. *Penalties:* Goodwin, D-V, 3:18.

Second period: 2, Dowling-Valley — Jon Strako (Brad Forret) 2:16. 3, Dowling-Valley — Tony Dressen (Blackburn) 6:17. *Penalties:* Bert Post, SC, 2:22; Goodwin, D-V, 7:33; Richou, SC, 12:42; Keith, SC, 14:01.

Third period: 4, Sioux City — Ross Van Rooyan (Shane Keith) 7:24. 5, Dowling-Valley — Dressen (Brian Krueger) 12:24. *Penalties:* Graber, SC, 2:44; McCoy, D-V, 4:18.

Score by periods:

Dowling-Valley	1	2	1	4
Sioux City	0	0	1	1

Shots on goal:

Dowling-Valley	12	8	7	27
Sioux City	5	9	11	25

Goaltenders: Eric Gibson, Valley-Dowling; Scott Patrick, Sioux City.