

Metros move past Urbandale in first round of state tourney

MASON CITY, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros, sparked by Ross Van Rooyan's hat trick, doubled the score on Urbandale in posting a 6-3 victory here Friday in the first round of the Iowa High School Hockey League tournament.

Van Rooyan, a sophomore center from East High School, assisted on the only goal of the first period, then collected two scores himself just a minute apart in the second frame and capped his four-point game with an empty-net goal just eight seconds before the end of the match.

The Van Rooyan line, which includes wingers Shane Keith (a sophomore) and Todd Coyle (senior), both from North, collected four of the six goals.

Brett Austin, another sophomore from East, and senior defenseman Mark Post from North also flashed the red light for Sioux City.

Coyle, who was Sioux City's leading pointmaker this season, collected three assists giving himself 35 points for the season. Van Rooyan now has 34 points and Keith, who had a pair of assists, has 28 counters.

After Sioux City took a 3-0 lead, Urbandale battled back on goals by Pete Dale and Doug Beebe in the second period and then a tying goal by Don Widlund at 3:06 of the final stanza.

Austin's unassisted goal at 3:27 proved to be the game-winner.

The victory was Sioux City's 14th in 19 games this winter and put the Metros into the tourney semifinals against Waterloo Public at 1 p.m. today. Sioux City holds two wins and a tie against Public this season. Waterloo defeated Ames Friday, 4-3 in overtime.

Sioux City, which finished second in

the league behind champion Waterloo Columbus, has now beaten Urbandale in all four meetings this season.

If the Metros beat Waterloo Public, the third-place team in the regular-season standings, they will play for the championship at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Summary

First period: 1, Sioux City — Shane Keith (Todd Coyle, Ross Van Rooyan) 4:7. **Penalties:** Van Rooyan, SC, 11:27.

Second period: 2, Sioux City — Van Rooyan (Keith) 3:42. 3, Sioux City — Van Rooyan (Coyle) 4:41. 4, Urbandale — Pete Dale (Eric Conrad) 8:48. 5, Urbandale — Doug Beebe (Marvin Light) 9:13. **Penalties:** Dale, U, 5:27; Englund, U, 11:43.

Third period: 6, Urbandale — Don Widlund (Dale, Conrad) 3:06. 7, Sioux City — Brett Austin (unassisted) 3:27. 8, Sioux City — Mark Post (Tracy Brunken) 8:15. 9, Sioux City — Van Rooyan (Dale Frerichs, Coyle) 14:52. **Penalties:** None.

Score by periods:

Urbandale	0	2	1	— 3
Sioux City	1	2	3	— 6

Shots on goal:

Urbandale	7	6	9	— 22
Sioux City	2	18	6	— 26

Goalies: Rick Nall, Urbandale; Scott Patrick, Sioux City.