



Valley-Dowling goaltender James McGilliard saves a shot by Dubuque's Chris Lloyd. Valley-Dowling won the Iowa High School Hockey League tournament.

Valley-Dowling wins hockey league crown

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Tony Dressen scored three goals and goalie James McGilliard stopped 24 shots to lead West Des Moines Valley-Dowling to its second straight Iowa High School Hockey League tournament championship, 8-0, over Dubuque Sunday at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

Dressen and McGilliard were named Most Valuable Players. The victory capped a 23-0 season for Valley-Dowling.

Dressen, a senior at Dowling High School, scored the first two goals just 1 minute, 15 seconds apart in the first period with both teams skating two men short because of penalties. Dessen added his third goal on a power-play shot with 8 minutes 1 second left in the third period.

"This morning, when I was in church, I told myself it would be a 4-1 game," Dessen said, "but when we started going, and I put a couple in, I knew it would be a big win for us."

It was the second shutout this

season for McGilliard, also a senior.

"As the game wore on, I tried not to think about (the shutout), because I knew that I might blow it," McGilliard said. "It was always in the back of my mind, but the team victory comes first."

"The hometown crowd and the defense really helped out," McGilliard said. "A lot of times, I'd save the first shot, and the rebound would come out in front, and (the defense) would clear it away. If the rebound sits there, (the opposition) has a chance to put it in, and those are the hardest shots to stop."

Valley-Dowling co-coach Kevin Kahoot said, "You can never expect a shutout in a championship game. That's the finest game [McGilliard's] played all year."

"We were a little rough at first, but then we opened it up and made Duquesne play our game," Kahoot said. "The defense hustled; they were first

on the puck the whole game, and they never let Dubuque in the game."

Dubuque finished the season with a 14-8-1 record.

Five Valley-Dowling players were named to the league's all-star team, led by Dessen and McGilliard. The other Tigers named to the team were forwards Brian Krueger and Jon Strako and defenseman Ryan Goodwin.

Also named to the team were forwards Jason Bloom and Justin Smith, defenseman Mike Sadler, and goaltender Jason Hedigan of Waterloo Columbus; forwards Niklas Hudin and Mark Peterson and defenseman Brian Bahnsen of Mason City; forwards T.J. Maurer and Dan Dopita and defenseman Joey Baxter of Dubuque; forward Tom Meyers and defenseman Jeff Frayne of Waterloo Public; forward Shane Keith and defenseman Dirk Richou of Sioux City; defenseman Scott Rast of Urbandale-Des

Moines; and goaltender Brett Callison of Ames.

SCORE BY PERIODS

| Valley-Dowling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Dubuque | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

First period—1, Valley-Dowling, Dessen (Westlake); 12:22, 2, Valley-Dowling, Dessen (Orum); 13:17, Penalties—Justin, Dubuque, tripping; 2:03, Nims, Dubuque, interference; 6:15, Riley, Dubuque, elbowing; 10:12, Krueger, W.D.M., tripping; 10:12, Maurer, Dubuque, unsportsmanlike conduct; 10:50, Maurer, Dubuque, misconduct; 10:50, Strako, W.D.M., tripping; 10:58, Goodwin, W.D.M., elbowing, roughing (double minor); 11:02, Courtney, Dubuque, holding; 12:02, Neil, W.D.M., hooking; 13:50, Grum, W.D.M., cross-checking; 15:00.

Second period—3, Valley-Dowling, Blackburn (Strako, Davison); 4:28, 4, Valley-Dowling, Ferrari (Strako, Blackburn); 7:47, 5, Valley-Dowling, Goodwin (Ferrari); 14:31, Penalties—Courtney, Dubuque, tripping; 3:28, Ferrari, W.D.M., slashing; 5:56, O'Brien, Dubuque, interference; 8:48.

Third period—6, Valley-Dowling, Krueger (Ferrari); (pp), 10:56, 9, Valley-Dowling, Neil (Blackburn, Strako); (pp), 13:10, Penalties—Hass, Dubuque, high-sticking; 7:58, Courtney, Dubuque, slashing; 7:58, Davis, W.D.M., roughing; 7:58, Riley, Dubuque, roughing; 8:12, Donle, Dubuque, elbowing; 8:29, Dessen, W.D.M., roughing; 8:55, Schermerbach, Dubuque, roughing; 8:55, Maurer, Dubuque, cross-checking, fighting (double major); 8:55, Maurer, Dubuque, misconduct; 8:55, Baxter, Dubuque, cross-checking; 10:49, Marcus Hass, Dubuque, interference; 13:53, Mariette, Dubuque, slashing; 13:53, Donle, Dubuque, hooking; 14:24.

SHOTS ON GOAL

| Valley-Dowling | 10 | 5 | 9 | 24 |
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| Dubuque | 10 | 13 | 17 | 40 |

Goalies—Dubuque, J. Smith, Mariette (start of 3rd); Valley-Dowling, McGilliard, A-800.