

# Sioux City wears state ice crown

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Adversity. The denominator that jeopardized the hopes of the Sioux City Metros for a state high school hockey title.

But, The good are made better by ill, right? And the bad affright afflicts the best.

Just so for the Sioux City Metros, who won their second straight Iowa High School Hockey League tournament championship Sunday afternoon with a 5-2 triumph over Mason City before 1,000 fans at Municipal Auditorium.

The Metros, stripped of two-thirds of their high production forward line in a Saturday win over Ames, became the third team to win back-to-back crowns in the 16-year history of the tournament.

Waterloo Columbus twice (1977-78 and 1981-82) and West Des Moines Valley/Dowling (1988-89) were the other teams to capture two championships in succession.

Two goals by T.J. Juon and red-lighters by Karri Poytkio, Cory Roberts and Eric Rubel powered the Metros to the winners' circle.

In a nail-biting come-from-behind victory over Ames Saturday to reach

the finals, the Metros lost right winger Jesper Kilander to a season-ending leg injury and center Jesse Monell drew a misconduct penalty that disqualified him from Sunday's championship fray.

Monell was first and Kilander fourth in IHSHL regular-season scoring.

With the two gone, Coach Dave Davies had to move the remaining third of the high-scoring line, his son Daniel, to defense for much of the Saturday win and that was again the case Sunday.

Davies was third in regular-season scoring, but was utilized on defense Sunday to slow down Mason City.

"We all had to pull together with Jesse and Karri out of there," said Davies, who had two assists, but no goals. "We knew we had to come up with a great performance."

"There was a lot of pressure on some guys who'd never had that pressure before and they came through with flying colors."

Coach Davies agreed.

"Some of our kids did a great job all season as role players, but with Jesse and Karri gone they had to step up and play under pressure. They did a great job, too."

"I think they all have played great

defense this season, but with guys out of there who'd gotten a lot of ink, some others, all of them, won a state title for us," said Dave Davies.

The younger Davies, who will be a senior next fall at Heelan High School, was named the tournament's most valuable player.

He and Metros defenseman Jade Pospeshil were also named to the IHSHL team that will represent the league in the Chicago Showcase tournament later this spring.

The elder Davies will coach the all-state squad.

In addition, Monell, goaltender Jesse Basarich, Pospeshil and Davies were named to the 18-player all-state hockey team in ceremonies after the title game.

The Metros took care of business early.

Poytkio scored at 5:37 of the first period and Roberts, in a nifty move, tallied at 14:02.

Roberts carried the puck around the net and then pushed the puck into the corner of the net in front of a startled Mason City goaltender as neatly as if he were tucking a baby to

## IHSHL TOURNAMENT

AT SIOUX CITY AUDITORIUM

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

- Game 1: Waterloo 3, Omaha Junior Lancers 2
- Game 2: Mason City 9, Dubuque 3

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

- Game 3: Omaha Gladiators 9, St. Joseph 7
- Game 4: Ames 6, Valley/Dowling 5 (2 ots)
- Game 5: Sioux City 6, Waterloo 2
- Game 6: Junior Lancers 5, Valley/Dowling 3
- Game 7: Dubuque 6, St. Joseph 3

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

- Game 8: Dubuque 4, Waterloo 1
- Game 9: Mason City 6, Omaha Gladiators 3
- Game 10: Sioux City 4, Ames 3 (ot)
- Game 11: Valley/Dowling 6, St. Joseph 3, loser eliminated

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

- Game 12: Valley/Dowling 7, Waterloo 3, 7th place
- Game 13: Omaha Junior Lancers 9, Dubuque 3, 5th place
- Game 14: Omaha Gladiators 3, Ames 2, 3rd place
- Game 15: Sioux City 5, Mason City 2, championship

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sleep.

Rubel scored a power play goal at 2:17 of the second period to put the Metros in front 3-0.

Mason City finally got on the board at 7:35 as Casey Holck scored, but Juon retaliated with his first goal at 12:16.

Juon capped the scoring at 2:32 of the final period.

Ethan Scheetz got the final Mason City goal at 10:45.

The Metros won their 16th game in a row to finish the season 22-5. Mason City closed with an 18-7 record.

Also named to the all-state team were Chris Winkler and A.J. Sanders of Ames; Neil Gilmore, Matt Weber, Holck and Scott Johnson of Mason City; Mark Etter, Kobie Boykins, Ted Lowndes and Todd Sanning of the Omaha Gladiators; Jeff Furtwangler of West Des Moines Valley/Dowling; Ryan Creal of St. Joseph, Mo.; Andy Gericke of Waterloo and Keith Kester and Aaron Cigrand of Dubuque.

### Valley/Dowling 7, Waterloo 3

West Des Moines Valley/Dowling finished seventh in the tournament with a 7-3 victory over Waterloo Sunday.

Todd Johnson had two goals for Valley/Dowling and Brett Klima had two goals for Waterloo.

### Junior Lancers 9, Dubuque 3

The Omaha Junior Lancers grabbed fifth place with a 9-3 win over Dubuque Sunday.

## SUNDAY'S IHSHL TOURNAMENT GAMES

### Valley/Dowling 7, Waterloo 3

First period: Valley/Dowling — Brad Petersen (D.J. Ritz) 2:52, 2, Waterloo — Brett Klima (Benji Buckley, Chad Forycke) 11:38, Penalty: None.  
Second period: 3, Valley/Dowling — Matt Workman (Jeff Furtwangler, Justin Davis) 4:38, 4, Valley/Dowling — Ritz (Petersen, Sloan Kromminga) 6:51, 5, Valley/Dowling — Furtwangler (Workman, Davis) 10:48, 6, Valley/Dowling — Todd Johnson (Furtwangler) 11:49.  
Penalties: Davis, V/D, 5:20; Chamberlin, W, 6:28; Drexler, V/D, 8:13; Rose, V/D, 14:47.  
Third period: 7, Waterloo — Klima (Buckley) 2:03, 8, Valley/Dowling — Chad Conard (Johnson, Kromminga) 5:51, 9, Waterloo — Buckley (Klima, Forycke) 7:42, 10, Valley/Dowling — Johnson (Petersen, Scott Hughes) 8:49.

Score by periods: Waterloo..... 1 1 1 — 3  
Valley/Dowling..... 4 2 1 — 7  
Shots on goal: Waterloo..... 5 5 15 — 25  
Valley/Dowling..... 14 9 7 — 30  
Goaltenders: Chris Abbott, Waterloo; Jason Garrison, Valley/Dowling.  
Referee: Ted Wiles. Linesmen: Brian Plath, Jim Peck.  
Attendance: 67

### Omaha Jr. Lancers 9, Dubuque 3

First period: 1, Omaha — David Wallace (unassisted) 1:59, 2, Dubuque — Aaron Harwood (Aaron Cigrand, Ben Ritz) 4:49, 3, Omaha — Brad Eisea (Mike Callahan) 3:20, 4, Dubuque — Rickh Lahnrecht (Garnet Ames, Kyle Kiner) 4:00, 5, Omaha — Mark Casteel (Kevin Bernard) 9:53. Penalties: Bernard, O, 5:08; Derby, D, 9:17; Cigrand, D, 11:06; Harwood, D, 13:33; Casteel, O, 13:33; Roth, D, 14:31; Roth, D (minor, misconduct), 14:31; Blanchard, O, 14:31.  
Second period: 6, Dubuque — Mike Swartz (Cigrand, Keith Kester) 2:29, 7, Omaha — Casteel (Heath Shaffer) 2:39. Penalties: Manners, O (minor, misconduct) 2:29; McDonald, D, 4:49; Shaffer, O, 5:32; Harwood, D, 8:19; Kester, D (minor, misconduct), 10:48; Callahan, O, 11:44; Cigrand, D, 14:58.  
Third period: 8, Omaha — Troy Anzalone (Audy Perry) 4:42, 9, Omaha — Trevor Blanchard (Casteel, Brad Eilers) 10:56, 10, Omaha — Callahan (unassisted) 12:23, 11, Omaha — Manners (David McKernan, Wallace) 13:25, 12, Omaha — Casteel (McKernan) 13:57.

Score by periods: Omaha..... 3 1 5 — 9  
Dubuque..... 1 2 0 — 3  
Shots on goal: Omaha..... 21 17 12 — 52

Mark Casteel had two goals for the winners, who outshot Dubuque 52-39.

The Junior Lancers scored four goals in the final period.

### Gladiators 3, Ames 2

A goal by Joey Perell at 12:49 of

Dubuque..... 12 14 13 — 39  
Goaltenders: David March, Dubuque; Jim Gornick, Dubuque; Mike Manning, Omaha.  
Referee: Ian Campbell. Linesmen: Dave Prygon, Randy Pierce.  
Attendance: 169.

### Omaha Gladiators 3, Ames 2

First period: 1, Omaha — Dan Cohen (Dave Gonnon, Brian Bowman) 2:48. Penalties: Gonnon, O, 4:37; Gonnon, O, 8:36; D. Smith, A, 14:41.  
Second period: 2, Ames — A.J. Sanders (Fred Van Bergen, Brian Wierzon) 4:05, 3, Omaha — Gonnon (Kobie Boykins, Cohen) 10:18, 4, Ames — Chad Newhouse (Aaron Wells) 10:39, 5, Omaha — Joey Perell (Ted Lowndes, Mark Etter) 12:49. Penalties: Crawford, A, 6:51; Greenfield, A, 11:23.  
Score by periods: Ames..... 0 2 0 — 2  
Omaha Gladiators..... 1 2 0 — 3  
Shots on goal: Ames..... 8 9 5 — 22  
Omaha Gladiators..... 8 15 8 — 31  
Goaltenders: Mark Etter, Omaha; Chris Winkler, Ames.  
Referee: Dave Prygon. Linesmen: Brian Plath, Randy Pierce.  
Attendance: 400.

### Sioux City 5, Mason City 2

First period: 1, Sioux City — Karri Poytkio (unassisted) 9:23, 2, Sioux City — Cory Roberts (Daniel Davies, Landon Blatchford) 14:02. Penalties: Loyd, MC, 9:30.  
Second period: 3, Sioux City — Eric Rubel (Blatchford, Davies) 2:17, 4, Mason City — Casey Holck (unassisted) 7:35, 5, Sioux City — T.J. Juon (Blatchford) 12:16. Penalties: Scheetz, MC, 0:11; Larson, MC, 2:55; Miller, SC, 2:55; Roberts, SC, 8:00; Larson, MC, 9:15; Hager, MC, 12:39.  
Third period: 6, Sioux City — Juon (Seth Schramm) 2:32, 7, Mason City — Ethan Scheetz (holck, Troy Halder) 10:45. Penalties: Blatchford, MC, 8:47; Basarich, SC, 9:18; Dunker, MC, 12:22.  
Score by periods: Mason City..... 0 2 1 — 2  
Sioux City..... 2 2 1 — 5  
Shots on goal: Mason City..... 7 5 10 — 22  
Sioux City..... 13 1 9 — 33  
Goaltenders: Neil Gilmore, Mason City; Jesse Basarich, Sioux City.  
Attendance: est. 1,000.

the second period game the Omaha Gladiators a 3-2 victory over Ames in the third-place game of the Iowa High School Hockey League Tournament Sunday.

The two teams battled to a scoreless draw in the third period.

The Gladiators finished the season 20-7 and Ames closed 12-12-1.