

# Metros reach hockey final with 3-2 triumph

DUBUQUE, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros will play for the Iowa High School Hockey League championship for the fifth straight year today when they tangle with the Omaha Gladiators at the Five Flags Center here.

The Metros, now 23-6, slipped into the finals with a 3-2 win over Ames Saturday.

The Gladiators, meanwhile, pulled off the first major upset of the tournament with a 2-1 triumph over defending tournament champion West Des Moines Valley-Dowling.

Sami Heino, Mike Stoneburg and Mikael Sundelin scored goals for the Metros in their win over Ames. Ames had beaten Coach Jim Peck's Metros in two regular-season meetings, 7-6 and 7-3.

Against the Gladiators, the Metros are 3-1 this season, but in the last two confrontations rolled to 17-0 and 6-1 victories.

In the 17-0 triumph on Feb. 13, the



Worner

Stoneburg

Metros set a flock of team records. In the romp, Sundelin established a club single-game record with six goals and added two assists.

Heino had a goal and seven assists to also register an eight-point game.

The 17 goals were also the most ever scored by a Metros team in one game.

The Gladiators beat the Metros 8-4 just over a week before Sioux City

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thundered to its 17-0 victory.

In losing Sunday, Ames dropped into today's third-place game with a 17-7 record.

In other games Saturday, the Omaha Lancers beat Waterloo (5-0) and Dubuque (5-1) and Mason City stopped St. Joseph, Mo. (8-1) in consolation-bracket games.

Ames scored first Sunday when Mike Ogbourne beat winning goaltender Dirk Worner just 47 seconds into the game, then Heino tied the game with a goal at 10:43 of the first period.

The Metros took the lead at 14:01 of the first period on Stoneburg's goal.

Sundelin put Sioux City in command with a goal at 9:19 of the second period.

Sioux City was skating a man short when Sundelin scored.

Ames got its second goal skating a 6-on-4 advantage at 3:39 of the third period. Sundelin and Seth Schramm were off for delay of game and holding, respectively, when Ogbourne got his second goal of the game.

Today's championship game is slated for a 3 p.m. start.

After winning the IHSHL tournament in 1991 and 1992, the Metros finished second to Valley-Dowling last year. The Metros were also second in 1990 and will be playing in their sixth title game in seven years.

## Summary

**First period:** 1, Ames — Mike Ogbourne (Andrew Murdoch) 0:47. 2, Sioux City — Sami Heino (Mikael Sundelin) 10:43. 3, Sioux City — Mike Stoneburg (Heino) 14:01. **Penalties:** Strong, SC, 5:21.

**Second period:** 4, Sioux City — Sundelin (Heino) 9:19. **Penalties:** Heino, SC, 0:24. Penalties: Kelly, SC, 7:48; Knapp, A, 14:43.

**Third period:** 5, Ames — Ogbourne (Ryan Kinart) 3:39. **Penalties:** Sundelin, SC, 2:34; Schramm, SC, 3:17.

### Score by periods:

Sioux City..... 2 1 0 — 3

Ames..... 1 0 1 — 2

### Shots on goal:

Sioux City.....14 8 11 — 33

Ames.....10 11 10 — 31

**Goaltenders:** Sioux City, Dirk Worner, Cory Cooper, Ames.

**Referee:** Al Stoltz. **Linemen:** George Bender, Del Donaldson.