

Metros place 4th in state hockey meet

OMAHA — Sioux City settled for fourth place in the 10-team Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament at Hitchcock Arena after dropping a 4-2 decision to Des Moines on Sunday.

Des Moines was in control of the game throughout against a Sioux City team that expended a lot of energy in a narrow loss to the top-seeded Omaha Jr. Lancers the day before. The Omaha club may have also been tired as Mason City upset the Jr. Lancers 3-2 in the championship tilt.

The Metros fell behind 4-0 against Des Moines, failing to score until less than five minutes remained in the contest. The winners picked up single goals in the first and second periods, and added two more in the third before Sioux City got on the board.

Chris Marks led Des Moines with two goals, and teammate Nate Hole had a pair of assists in the contest.

Nick Mills recorded the Metros first goal at the 10:45 mark of the third period, and Matt Andrews recorded the team's other goal with 47 seconds left in the game.

Des Moines goaltender Nick Fasano turned back 14 of the 16 shots Sioux City mustered in the contest. Metros netminder Damon Keith stopped 15 of 19 shots taken by Des Moines.

A pair of Sioux City players gained selection to the all-state hockey team and four others were given honorable mention.

Keith and Jason Augustine were all-stars for the Metros. Honorable mention went to Andrews, Walt Johnson, Mark Munger and Trent Mozak.

Four Sioux City players — Johnson, Munger, Augustine and Keith — were also selected for the Chicago Showcase Team, which will participate in an April all-star tournament.

The Metros ended the season with a 16-13 overall record.

Summary

First period: 1, Des Moines — Chris Marks (Billy Carlson, Mike Best) 5:28. Penalties: Belli, DM, 8:32; Heiden, SC, 10:21; Best, DM, 10:28.

Second period: 2, Des Moines — Ryan Gladson (Jason McCullum) 0:42. Penalties: Mills, SC, 1:38; Krueger, DM, 5:48; Mearan, DM, 12:27; Persinger, SC, 12:27; McCullum, DM, 13:59; Stiles, SC, 14:08.

Third period: 3, Des Moines — Jimmy Krueger (Nate Hole) 8:21; 4, Des Moines — Marks (Nick Mearan, Hole) 10:20; 5, Sioux City — Nick Mills (Walt Johnson) 10:45; 6, Sioux City — Matt Andrews (Jeff Kampt) 14:13. Penalties: Mearan, DM, 6:55; Augustine, SC, 10:53; Mills, SC, 12:23; Best, DM, 12:23; McCullum, DM, 12:41; Stiles, SC, 14:34; Miller, DM, 14:34.

Score by periods:

Sioux City.....	0	0	2	—	2
Des Moines.....	1	1	2	—	4

Shots on goal:

Sioux City.....	2	5	9	—	16
Des Moines.....	7	5	7	—	19

Goaltenders: Damon Keith, Sioux City; Nick Fasano, Des Moines.

Referee: Dan Stumpf. Linesmen: Dan White, Mark Baratta.