

# Metros try to repeat as IHSHL tourney kings

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Sioux City shoots for a rare, if not unprecedented, accomplishment here this weekend in the Iowa High School Hockey League varsity tournament.

The Metros will try to follow up last weekend's junior varsity tournament championship with their second consecutive varsity state title. Long-time observers of the league can't recall a time when a team won both the JV and varsity crowns in the same season.

Kyle Worner ranks as Sioux City's scoring leader with 20 goals and 29 assists for 49 points, putting him seventh league-wide. Close behind are teammates Brent Sanders (42 points), Ben Deck (40) and Matt Tonjum (37).

Metros goaltender Jake Hindermann sports a 13-4 record and 90.2 save percentage.

Sioux City tied for the third best overall regular season record in the league at 21-5, the same mark fashioned by West Division rivals

Omaha Gladiators and Kansas City. Omaha won the division with a 16-4 record, while Sioux City (15-5) took second on a tiebreaker over Kansas City.

The Des Moines Capitals compiled the league's best mark at 22-4 and ran away with the East Division crown with a 17-3 record.

Sioux City's first-round opponent in the eight-team tournament is Waterloo, which finished 16-9-1 overall. The contest is set for a 4 p.m. start today.

A probable second-round date with the Capitals awaits the winner. Des Moines tangles with tournament host St. Joseph (2-24) in the opening game at 10 a.m. Other first-round matchups are Mason City vs. Kansas City at 1 p.m. and Ames vs. Omaha Gladiators at 7 p.m.

The tournament semifinals will be played Saturday evening with the championship game set for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.