

Metros blast Mason City, 5-2 Hockenson nets IHSHL Friday results

natural hat trick By Tom Block

Andy Hockenson scored a natural hat trick to help the Sioux City Metros begin pursuit of their third straight lowa High School Hockey League Tournament championship here Friday at IBP loc Center.

Sioux City turned back Mason City 5-2 to advance to a second round game against Duboaque today at 3:30 pp. the No. 4 seed out of the Duboaque. the No. 4 seed out of the

Dubuque, the No. 4 seed out of the HISHL East Division, stunned West Division champion Omaha Gladia-tors 6-1. The East Division champion Des Moines Capitals need three third back the Omaha Junior Lancers, 6-2,

buck the Omaha Junior Lancers, 6-2, in the other first-round game. if Hockenson, a junior from Cherokee, Jowa, had tallied just one goal all season but on Friday he socked home Sioux City's first two goals and completed his hat trick with one second remains. His third goal came on a shot from the left wing with assists from Corey Mozak and Chris Porter, staking the

I made the comment that I didn't care who stepped up to the plate and came through," said Sioux City Coach Walt Johnson. "Today was

Coach Walt Johnson. "Togay was (Hockenson's) day,
"He's very capable."
Hockenson's first red-lighter came at the 3.45 mark of the opening stan-za when he swept the puck past Maron City net-minder Ramleo AbuJobarah. He broke into the clear and beat AbuJobarah in a one-on-one tuation at the 9:55 mark tio give the

Mason City's Matt Paulsen put a coal through the legs of Sioux City caltender Ryan Dohrmann with just

son connected on a shot from a few feet inside the blue line to make it Mason City closed to within 4-2 in a power play goal by Brad Park in

the second period but Ben Deck an-swered for Sioux City at 9:24 in the Johnson said he didn't use th

Johnson said he didn't use the upsets that took place earlier in the day to motivate his hockey team, which had lost both regular season meetings to Mason City 9-1 and 4-1. "I don't really care what anybody else does," said Johnson. "You just

have to do your own thing.

'Mason City is a tough team
They've got the best goaltender in the league."
AbuJobarah, in fact,

whopping 500 saves during the regwhopping 300 saves during the reg-ular season to rank second in saves percentage (91.9 percent) behind Sioux City's own Ryan Dohrmann, who logged a 93.5 saves percentage with 317 saves before state tourna-

Sioux City hiked its record to 15-7-1 while Mason City fell to 18-5. Brad Ramsey scored twice in the third period for the Des Moines Cap-itals (20-3), setting the game-winner with 12 seconds left in the contest. Lincoln (8-15) had taken a 3-1 lead with a pair of goals by Mike Todd in the second needs.

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The Capitals will meet Waterloo 17-6), which got three goals from Bryce Anderson in its 6-2 win over the Omaha Junior Lancers (14-8-1). All three of Anderson's red-lighters

All three of Anderson's red-tighters came in the second period as Waterloo took a 4-0 lead. Joe Lenz keyed Dubuque's suprising 6-1 win with a hat trick of his own, getting one goal in each period. The Devils hiked their record to 8-15, while the Gladiators tumbled