

Metros collect 3-1 victory in IHSHL state meet opener

DUBUQUE, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros took the first step toward a state title with a 3-1 first-round victory Friday over the fourth-seeded Des Moines Oak Leafs in the Iowa High School Hockey League State Tournament at the Five Flags Center here.

Kyle Rogers, a sophomore at Yankton, S.D., High School, scored two goals to spark the Sioux City victory. Another sophomore, Alex Lukehart, registered the third Sioux City goal.

The Metros, fifth-seeded in the tournament, will now meet the top-seeded Omaha Junior Lancers in the semifinals today at 3:45 p.m.

Sioux City improved its record to 21-13 and the Junior Lancers hiked their record to 33-1 after beating host Dubuque Friday night, 7-3.

The Metros dropped 2-0, 5-1 and 4-2 decisions to the Junior Lancers in regular season play.

Rogers, the third-leading

scorer in the IHSHL, picked up his 33rd and 34th goals of the season to run his point total to 57.

In the first game of the day, the Des Moines Capitals defeated Lincoln, 6-2, and Mason City, seeded second, slipped past Waterloo, 5-2.

Chad Costello had two goals for the Capitals and Kyle Abben had two goals for Mason City. Mason City's Cole Despenas, second in the USHL's regular season scoring derby, had two assists.

Sioux City 3, DM Oak Leafs 1

First period: 1, Des Moines -- Jason Brown (Nathan Drew, John Bertson), 5:38. Penalties: Kempter, SC, interference, 7:30. Ewalt, DM, hooking, 1:28.

Second period: 2, Sioux City -- Kyle Rogers (Kyle Jacobson), 5:12. 3, Sioux City -- Alex Lukehart (Casey Mills), 8:49. Penalties: None.

Third period: 4, Sioux City -- Kyle Rogers (unassisted), 4:44. Penalties: Lukehart, SC, tripping, 9:31. McCallister, DM, high sticking, 0:00.

Score by periods:

Sioux City	0	2	1	—	3
Des Moines	1	0	0	—	1

Shots on goal:

Sioux City	10	9	8	—	27
Des Moines	7	14	11	—	32

Goalkeepers: Beau Erickson, Sioux City, 31 saves; Geoff Miller, Des Moines 24 saves.

Referee: Dell Donaldson. Linesmen: Kyle Waddick, Keith Raygor.