

Mason City clips Metros in third-place game of IHSHL state tournament

DUBUQUE, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros, seeded fifth, lost to second-seeded Mason City, 3-2, Sunday in the third-place game of the Iowa High School Hockey League State Tournament at the Five Flags Center.

Sioux City rallied from a 2-0 deficit to pull within 2-1 when Kyle Jacobson scored a power play goal at the 6:54 mark of the third period. Kyle Rogers and Travis Shoemaker assisted on the first of the Metros' power play goals.

Mason City, which outshot Sioux City 21-16, received a pair of goals from Kyle Abben,

including the second of his two power play goals at the 12:53 mark to give the Mohawks a 3-1 lead.

Fifty-six seconds later, Sioux City tacked on another power play goal as Jack Brooks took a Rogers assist to conclude the scoring.

Saturday's state tournament action saw the Omaha Junior Lancers edge the Metros 1-0 in three overtimes. Kyle Schneiderwind scored at the 8:23 mark for Omaha, which capped a 35-1 season with a 3-0 win over the Des Moines Capitols in Sunday's championship game.

Sioux City (21-14) was out-

shot 46-29 during the game, including a 34-11 mark in the first three periods. However, during the overtime sessions, the Metros had an 18-12 shot on goal advantage, with Rogers, Darren Rife and Mike Axelsson narrowly missing goals.

The Junior Lancers' goalkeeper, Ben Morris, was the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Mason City 3, Sioux City 2

First period: 1, Mason City — Cole Despenas (Fox, Abben) 9:41. Penalties: Angell, MC, high sticking, 8:58; Vogt, SC, high sticking, 1:55.

Second period: 2, Mason City Kyle Abben (Bohl, Despenas) power play, 3:53. Penalties: Muir, SC, roughing, 11:29; Milard, MC, interference, 10:08; Babe, SC, unsportsmanlike conduct, 6:00; Milard, SC, interference, 5:26; Rogers, SC, roughing, 3:38; Brooks, SC, interference, 1:09.

Third period: 3, Sioux City — Kyle Jacobson (Kyle Rogers, Travis Shoemaker) power play, 6:54, 4, Mason City — Kyle Abben (Fox) power play, 12:53, 5, Sioux City — Jack Brooks (Rogers) power play, 13:49. Penalties: Nicholas, MC, high sticking, 8:30; Lyle, SC, boarding, 2:24; Vogt, SC, 5-minute major slashing, 10-minute game misconduct, 14:34.

Score by periods:

Mason City	0	1	1	—	3
Sioux City	0	0	2	—	2

Shots on goal:

Mason City	8	10	3	—	21
Sioux City	5	5	6	—	16

Goalenders: Lind, Mason City; Travis Shoemaker, Sioux City.

Referee: Mike Waddick. Linesman: Keith Raygor, Brian

Omaha 1, Sioux City 0

First period: No scoring. Penalties — Reagan, O, tripping, 7:52; Stutz, O, hooking, 13:07; Witzke, O, delay of game, 14:52; Vogt, SC, delay of game, 14:52.

Second period: No scoring. Penalties — Rogers, SC, cross checking, 8:12; Newell, SC, ice sticking, 13:13.

Third period: No scoring. Penalties — Jaso, O, holding, 5:48.

First overtime: No scoring. No penalties.

Second overtime: No scoring. Penalties — Davies, SC, roughing, 2:18; Witzke, O, roughing, 2:18; Muir, SC, roughing, 7:24; Murphy, O, roughing, 7:24 (10 minute misconduct).

Third overtime: 1, Omaha — Kyle Schneiderwind (Snyder, Bill Babe), 8:23. Penalties — Mendick, O, high sticking, 1:04; Snyder, O, holding, 4:04.

Score by periods:

Sioux City	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
Omaha	0	0	0	0	0	1	—

Shots on goal:

Sioux City	6	4	1	6	6	6	—	29
Omaha	15	12	7	4	4	4	—	36

Goalenders: Ben Morris, Omaha; Beau Erickson, Sioux City.

Referee: Keith Raygor, Bill Donaldson, Bryan Plunkett.

Creighton sails into final of Missouri Valley tourney

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kyle Kover, the Missouri Valley Conference's player of the year, scored 20 points in pacing Creighton to a 90-63 victory over Illinois State in the semifinals of the league tournament Sunday.

Creighton (21-8), the No. 2 seed, will face top-seeded Southern Illinois (26-6) in the tournament's title game Monday night. Creighton and Southern Illinois were the conference co-champions.

The Bluejays, who have made four consecutive tourney semifinal appearances, are 9-1 in the past four tournaments, including championships in 1999 and 2000.

Creighton's victory margin

the event moved to St. Louis in 1991, and it was the only time a team scored at least 90 points since the tourney came here.

Creighton, which led 47-31 at halftime, pulled away in the second half, at one point scoring 11 unanswered points before eventually extending the margin to 37 points, 85-48, with 7:04 left.

The Bluejays outbounded the Redbirds 35-22 and shot 54 percent from the floor, holding Illinois State to 40 percent. Creighton also made all but five of its 26 free-throw attempts.

Creighton's Terrell Taylor had 19 points and Tyler McKinney added 11.

Randy Rice led Illinois State with 14 points. Baboucar Bouang and Shawn Jepson added