

Metros reach state hockey title contest

WATERLOO, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros scored three unanswered goals in the third period as they rallied for a 6-4 win over Mason City in a semi-final game at the Iowa State high school hockey tournament Saturday afternoon at Young Arena.

Sioux City (20-11-4), which rallied from 3-1 and 4-2 deficits in the first and second periods, got an unassisted, game-tying goal from Kevin Lohry at the 5:21 mark of the third period.

Jack Brooks snapped the 4-4 tie about a minute and a half later on a combined assist from Chase Kinchen and Rick Chartier. Then, at the 14:45 mark, Kinchen scored on Joel Kempter's assist to round off the scoring.

The Metros won despite being outshot 31-17. Mason City, the top seed in the state tournament, entered with a 32-1-1 record.

"We started out behind 2-0, but we kept our composure and we kept chipping away at it," said Metros coach Jeff Gray. "We kept chipping away and saved enough energy at the end. The boys showed a lot of character."

Lohry scored single goals in the first and second periods. He also recorded an assist on Sam Schweigert's first period goal.

The Metros were 10-7 winners over Waterloo Friday in the quarterfinals behind Lohry, who scored four goals and had six total points.

The Metros will face the winner of Des Moines Capitols/Des Moines Oakleafs this afternoon at 1:45 in the state finals at Young Arena.

Sioux City 6, Mason City 4

First period: 1, Mason City — Brandon Millard (Cope Despenas) 0:26; 2, Mason City — Mike Murtaugh (Kyle Burgmeier) 3:01; 3, Sioux City — Sam Schweigert (Kevin Lohry) 6:14; 4, Mason City — Ben Miller (Brad Bohl) power play 8:50; 5, Sioux City — Lohry (Alex Lukehart) 10:24. Penalties: Kempter, SC, rough, 7:00; Kempter, SC, cross check, 11:43.

Second period: 6, Mason City — Despenas (Murtaugh) 0:57; 7, Sioux City — Lohry (unassisted) 2:45. Penalties: Bench, SC, too many men, 13:06.

Third period: 8, Sioux City — Lohry (unassisted) 5:21; 9, Sioux City — Jack Brooks (Chase Kinchen, Rick Chartier) 6:51; 10, Sioux City — Kinchen (Joel Kempter) 14:45. Penalties: Abben, MC, slash, 5:21; Bennett, SC, hook, 11:58.

Score by periods:

Sioux City	2	1	3	—	6
Mason City	3	1	0	—	4

Shots on goal:

Sioux City	6	4	7	—	17
Mason City	12	11	8	—	31

Goalenders: Beau Erickson, Sioux City; Brandon Lind, Mason City.

Referee: Cook. Linesmen: White, Waddick.