

Warriors stumble to eighth at state

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Kansas City forward Stephen Knutter's overtime goal brought the curtain down on a disappointing state tournament weekend for the Waterloo Warriors.

Knutter scored at the 2:45 mark in OT to give the Junior Blades a 6-5 victory in Sunday's Iowa State Hockey League seventh-place game. It was the Warriors' first overtime loss of the season, and dropped the host team to 0-3 in tournament play.

Waterloo defenseman Dustin Guess ripped a 30-foot slapshot into the net with 36 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime, but that turned out to be the Warriors' last chance to celebrate.

"We've been pretty successful in overtime, so we felt pretty good about our chances," said Warrior coach Mike Brown. "This time, it didn't go our way."

East High forward Dan Kaaihue narrowly missed on two scoring opportunities in OT, but it was Knutter's shot that rattled in for his second goal of the game and Kansas City's first win of the tournament.

The Warriors scored first in each of their three losses. In Sunday's game, which had a 7 a.m. start, Nate Nerison woke the home fans up with a shot from the point at the 4:14 mark in the first period, off assists from Matt Davis and Jason Dobes. Kaaihue put Waterloo up 2-0 with 7:01 gone in the first, and Waterloo just missed a chance at a three-goal lead when Dobes' power-play shot banged off the inside of the post at 8:20 in the first.

Moments later, Knutter put Kansas City on the scoreboard by flipping a short-handed shot past Craig Arras. The Blades took the lead by outscoring Waterloo, 3-1, in the second,

including another short-handed goal, by Jonathon Spellman.

"The moral of the story is you've got to play three periods of hockey," Brown said. "The second period killed us all weekend."

Waterloo was outscored 10-2 in the second period of its three games.

The game marked the end of high school hockey for the Warrior seniors, including Arras, Scot Newhouse and Dobes. Newhouse and Dobes teamed up with Matt Davis for a slick, power-play goal in the second when Newhouse snagged an icing attempt out of the air to set Dobes up at the point.

"Jason probably played three of his best games here this weekend," Brown said. "He's a competitor, and he really hates to lose, so this has been rough for him."

Hudson sophomore Brice Thompson scored late in the third to bring his tournament total to four goals and two assists.

DES MOINES CAPITALS 3, MASON CITY 2 — The second-seeded Capitals beat No. 1 Mason City in the tournament's third-place game. Mohawk forward Carter Angell tied the score, 2-2, on a short-handed goal with 5:00 left in the third period, but Tim Ramsey scored the game-winner for Des Moines just 32 seconds later.

OMAHA JR. LANCERS 5, LINCOLN 3 — Joe Kalina's hat-trick lifted the defending champion Lancers in the all-Nebraska battle for fifth place.

Kansas City	1 3 1 1-6
Waterloo	2 1 2 0-5

FIRST PERIOD - 1. Waterloo, Nate Nerison (Matt Davis, Jason Dobes), 4:14; 2. Waterloo, Dan Kaaihue (Matt Metcalf, Jake Taylor), 7:01; 3. Kansas City, Stephen Knutter (Kyle Singley), 9:42. Penalties - Tyler Featherstone-KC (cross-checking) 2:57; Alex Evans-KC (tripping) 7:22; Peter Schneider-Wat (tripping) 10:22; Dustin Guess-Wat (holding) 14:46.

SECOND PERIOD - 4. Kansas City, Matt Bruch (Knutter), 1:08; 5. Kansas City, Jonathon Spellman (Ben Blake), 6:04; 6. Waterloo, J. Dobes (Davis, Scot Newhouse), 9:38; 7. Kansas City, Brian Beaman (Bruch, Knutter), 12:29. Penalties - Featherstone-KC (roughing) 4:22; Andrew Litton-KC (holding) 8:18; Peter Schneider-Wat (slashing) 8:18; Singley-KC (roughing) 8:32; J. Dobes-Wat (slashing) 8:32; Cory Miller-KC (holding) 7:48.

THIRD PERIOD - 8. Kansas City, Cody Miller (Spencer Holk) 11:38; 9. Waterloo, Brice Thompson (Kaaihue, Metcalf) 12:29; 10. Waterloo, Guess (J. Dobes, Metcalf) 14:26. Penalties - Max Powers-KC (holding) 8:20; Jake Taylor-Wat (tripping) 8:44; J. Dobes-Wat (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:44; Jake Taylor-Wat (slashing) 13:16.

OVERTIME - 11. Kansas City, Knutter (Beaman), 2:45.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Kansas City	6 11 6 4-27
Waterloo	10 14 3 5-32

Goalies - Kansas City, Scott Smith (26 saves); Waterloo, Craig Arras (21 saves).

Officials - Dan Krooks, referee; Brian Cook and Del Donaldson, linesmen.