

Metros open state hockey tournament with victory

SHAWNEE, Kan. — Ben Kambach provided one goal and one assist for the Sioux City Metros, which opened the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament with a 3-2 win Friday afternoon over the Omaha Junior Lancers.

Kambach tied the game with a second-period goal, then assisted on a Kyle Bennett goal to start the third period.

Kambach, a senior at Bishop Heelan, increased his season goal total to 12 for the fifth-seeded Metros, which evened the season series against Omaha to two games apiece. Omaha (18-11-2-0) was the fourth seed.

Omaha got a power play goal from Jabby Bahkit to take a 1-0 lead early in the second period. The Junior Lancers were then outscored 3-0 and fell behind 3-1 when Tyler Hansen scored an unassisted goal.

Winning goalkeeper Adam Suing upped his season mark to 9-10 after recording 18 saves.

Sioux City (17-11-1-2) recorded the only upset victory of the state tournament. The top-seeded Des Moines Capitals whipped Kansas City 6-2 while the third-seeded Des Moines Oak Leafs clipped Ames 4-1. Second-seeded Mason City blanked Lincoln 2-0.

Sioux City will face the Des Moines Capitals (30-1-0-0) in a 1:30 semifinal game this afternoon at the Shawnee Mission Ice Sports Arena, the home ice for the Kansas City Junior Outlaws. The Metros are 0-3 against the Capitals this season.

Today's state tournament starts with a 9 a.m. consolation game between Omaha and Kansas City. Ames and Lincoln will meet in a consolation game at 11:15 a.m.

Mason City (23-4-3-1) will play the Des Moines Oak Leafs (23-6-1-1) in a semifinal at 3:45 p.m.

Seventh, fifth, third and first-place games will be played Sunday.

Metros 3, Junior Lancers 2

First period: No scoring. Penalties: Bauer, SC, hooking, 10:58.

Second period: 1, Omaha — Jabby Bahkit (Brad Morys) power play, 8:48. 2, Sioux City — Ben Kambach (Kevin Laffey, Josh Van Den Hult), 12:27. Penalties: Tyler Hansen, SC, tripping, 8:33; Dillon, O, double-minor roughing, 9:58; Marsh, SC, double-minor roughing, 9:58; Held, SC, double-minor roughing, 9:58; Morys, O, roughing, 9:58; Dorchner, O, tripping, 14:25.

Third period: 3, Sioux City — Kyle Bennett (Kambach), 8:37. 4, Sioux City — Tyler Hansen, (unassisted), 10:52. 5, Omaha — Andy Odell, (Luke Johnson, Jacob Braun) power play, 13:50. Penalties: Bailey, O, tripping, 9:38; Bauer, SC, interference, 12:58.

Score by periods:

Sioux City	0	1	2	-	3
Omaha	0	1	1	-	2

Shots on goal:

Sioux City	8	10	8	-	26
Omaha	4	8	8	-	20

Goalkeepers: Adam Suing, Sioux City; Tom Steigler, Omaha.

Referee: Brian Cook. Linesman — Jordan Crowell, Todd Lachar.