

## High schools

### **Blues miss third place in shootout loss to Oaks**

The Quad-City Blues High were close the entire weekend in the Midwest High School Hockey League Championships in Des Moines, but close doesn't count when trying to win a championship.

The Blues lost Sunday to the Des Moines Capitals, 4-3, in a shootout to finish fourth in the round-robin tournament.

"We had a 3-2 lead with less than a minute to go but let it slip away in another heart-breaker," Blues coach Nick White said.

"We battled all week and I'm

really proud of our play. The competition was equally matched and a bounce here or there and things might have been different for us."

Four Blues still have one more game to play — the league's All-star game this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quad-City Sports Center in Davenport. Kendall Price (Riverdale), Jeff Morris (Bettendorf), Alex Lambert (Rock Island) and Steven Nicholason (Bettendorf) were selected to the team.