

SIoux CITY METROS

Metros take third with shootout victory

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AMES, Iowa | They had to go to extra skaters in the shootout, but the Sioux City Metros claimed third place at the Midwest High School Hockey League Varsity Championship Tournament on Sunday with a 4-3 victory over the Des Moines Oak Leafs.

Sioux City's James Page scored a power-play goal 4:24 into the third period to give Sioux City the 3-2 lead, but just over a minute later the Oak Leafs'

Spencer Smith answered to tie the game.

Page also scored the first goal in the shootout for the Metros, but after it was tied 1-all after five skaters Sioux City got it done in the sixth round. Connor Sand found the back of the net to secure third place for the Metros.



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“I am glad for the seniors because we lose 10 players and this is as high as we have finished since we won state in 2003,” Metros Coach Dave LeGree said. “The boys deserved this. We came in as the six seed and they played like the team they are.

“They just stated

believing in themselves the last month. We started getting some breaks ... and I have a young team with a lot of sophomores.”

Trailing 1-0 after one period, Page scored Sioux City's first goal 3:21 into the second period. That was followed by Skyler Beller's power-play goal as the teams were knotted at 2-all heading to the third.

Metro goaltender Ben Morehead made 19 saves in net.