

PREP HOCKEY

Warriors battle way into finals, 2-1

AMES — Waterloo answered every Omaha challenge Saturday and defeated the second-seeded Lancers 2-1 in the semifinals of the Midwest High School Hockey League tournament.

The third-seeded Warriors (23-7-0-0) avenged a pair of early season losses to Omaha (24-5-1-0) and advanced to Sunday's 11 a.m. championship game against Sioux City, which upended the top-seeded Des Moines Capitals Saturday, 6-5.



Sturch

Waterloo took a 1-0 lead 6 minutes, 17 seconds into Saturday's semifinal when Coulter Dupree turned assists from Kole Latusick and Ben Sinnott into the only goal of the period.

The Warriors then cashed in on a two-man advantage when a pair of Lancers went to the penalty box late in the second period. Kyle Schott set up Cade Saeugling for a 2-0 lead.

Omaha closed within a goal midway through the third period, but Waterloo and goaltender Dawson Sturch held off the Lancers the rest of the way. Sturch finished with 29 saves.

MHSHL tournament

Varsity

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Semifinals

Waterloo 2, Omaha 1

Sioux City 6, D.M. Capitals 5

GAMES TODAY

Third place—Omaha vs. Des Moines Capitals, 9 a.m.

Championship—Waterloo vs. Sioux City, 11 a.m.

Junior varsity

Third place—Dubuque 6, D.M. Capitals 3

Championship—Lincoln 2, D.M. Oak Leaf 1

Waterloo 2, Omaha 1

SCORE BY PERIODS

Waterloo	1	1	0-2
Omaha	0	0	1-1

FIRST PERIOD — 1. Waterloo, Dupree (Latusick, Sinnott), 6:17. Penalties—Saeugling-Rot, (head contact) 8:24, Saeugling-Wat, (head contact, misconduct) 10:24.

SECOND PERIOD — 2. Waterloo, Saeugling (Schott), pp. 14:01. Penalties—Westphal-Wat, (slashing) 1:02, Hill-Oma, (following) 2:29, Hill-Oma, (misconduct) 4:29, Egger-Oma, (tripping) 4:44, Roth-Oma, (roughing) 12:11, Perry-Oma, (slashing) 12:31, Walters-Oma, (misconduct) 14:12, Byrnes-Oma, (misconduct) 14:12.

THIRD PERIOD — 1. Omaha, Mercier II (Dyball), 9:06. Penalties—Beal-Wat, (hooking) 2:02, Poyton-Oma, (interference) 13:04, Egger-Oma, (misconduct, game misconduct) 17:00, Mercier II-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Hill-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Walters-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Degrau-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Perry-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Roth-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Skratul-Oma, (misconduct) 17:00, Barrabill-Oma, (bench minor, game misconduct) 17:00.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Waterloo	30
Omaha	30

Goaltenders—Waterloo, Sturch (30 SOG, 29 saves), Omaha, Weborg (30 SOG, 28 saves).

Officials—Clark, Westrom, Wiley.