

Lewison leads Metros to quarterfinals

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PLYMOUTH, Minn. — Chase Lewison finally has his hat trick.

Lewison scored three unanswered goals Saturday afternoon as the Sioux City Metros advanced to the quarterfinals of the USA Hockey High School National Championships with a 3-1 Group F win over the Newark (Ohio) Generals at Plymouth Arena.

Sioux City faced elimination from its first na-



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tional tournament appearance with a loss, but instead, bounced back from Friday's 8-1 loss to the Colorado Monarchs. Now, the Midwest High

School Hockey League's regular-season and tournament champion lives to play another day in the Division II portion of the tournament.

Sioux City will face the Billings (Mont.) Bulls at 8 a.m. A win will put Coach Dave LeGree's squad into a 5 p.m. Sunday semifinal game against the winner of the 8:15 quarterfinal between the Gillette Wild (Wyo.) and Plano West (Texas).

The championship game is set for 9 a.m. Monday.

Newark had entered the game against the Metros outscored by a 12-4 margin after its two defeats. The Generals took a 1-0 lead on Patrick Chaykowski's shorthanded goal at the 9:46 mark of the first period.

Sioux City, the Midwest High School Hockey League's top offensive team with 120 goals, had a knack during the regular season

to rally quickly if it was behind. Forty-four seconds after Chaykowski's goal, Lewison scored an unassisted, game-tying goal.

Lewison snapped the deadlock with 7:53 left in the second period, courtesy of assists from James Page and Reece McDonald. Page, who went scoreless at the MHSHL Tournament, has two goals and three assists at Plymouth, scoring in each of the three games.

Lewison, whose 10-goal, 11-assist regular-season ledger included a pair of two-goal games in the regular season, scored off Max Beller's assist at the 4:13 mark of the third period.

Winning goaltender Blake Beller had 21 saves.

Sioux City is the lone MHSHL team still alive in the tournament. The Omaha Junior Lancers had gone 0-2 before Saturday's 7-0 win over Kings Park/Commack, New York.