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Sioux City Metros' Grant Harder, shown taking a shot on goal in a Feb. 17 game against Lincoln, scored two goals in the Metros 3-1 win over Rushmore (S.D.) Thunder in the opening round of the USA Hockey National High School Division II tournament in West Chester, Penn.

# Metros win at nationals

**Harder scores two goals as Sioux City beats Rushmore Thunder**

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WEST CHESTER, Penn. — Grant Harder scored two goals and Cash Frigge added another as the Sioux City Metros beat the Rushmore (S.D.) Thunder 3-1 in an opening match at the USA Hockey National High School Division II tournament.

The Metros, looking to advance to this weekend's medal

round, will next face Wheeling (W.Va.) Central Catholic at 1:15 p.m. Central on Thursday in West Chester, Penn. Sioux City will finish pool play vs. the Greenville (S.C.) Carolina Road Warriors at 11:15 a.m. Central on Friday.

The Metros scored first and never relinquished the lead against Rushmore. With 6:23 left in the first period, Frigge found the back of the net, assisted by



**Harder**



**Frigge**

Noah Graham, giving Sioux City a 1-0 lead.

Harder's power-play goal, assisted by Charley Egdorf, increased the lead to 2-0 with 8:43 left in the second period.

With just 1.2 seconds left in the second, Harder's second goal, also on a power play, gave the Metros a 3-0 lead heading into the locker room. Nate Solma provided the helper on the goal.

A Rushmore goal with 7:41 left

in the third period cut the lead to 3-1. A Thunder penalty gave the Metros another power play opportunity, which lasted until just 2:12 remained in the game.

Sioux City is making its first appearance at nationals since winning the championship in 2018.

The Metros won a team-record 28 games in the Midwest High School Hockey League this season.

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