

Valley-Dowling tops Metros in state meet

AMES, Iowa — West Des Moines Valley-Dowling blanked the Sioux City Metros 4-0 Thursday night in a first-round game in the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament at Cyclone Area Community Center.

Valley-Dowling was led by Tim Jones, who scored two goals and dished out one assist. Brian Kruger also scored one goal and had two assists.

Jones' first goal — the only one the winners were to need — came at 5:38 of the first period with assists by Krueger and Chuck Armstrong. His second score came at 12:01 of the third period on a power play.

Brad Settle also scored for Valley-Dowling at 11:53 of the first period and Krueger's goal was at the 3:41 mark of the second stanza.

Valley-Dowling outshot the Metros on goal 36-27.

Sioux City, now 12-14 overall, plays a losers bracket game against Waterloo Columbus at 3 p.m. today.

The Sailors dropped an 11-1 decision to Waterloo Warriors in Thursday's opening round. Valley-Dowling tangles with the Warriors at 8 p.m. today.

Four members of the Metros were named to the 41-player prep all-state team announced Thursday. The all-staters are Todd Coyle from North High, Chris Swanson from West, Cyle Claflin of East and Mike Swartzel of Sergeant Bluff-Luton.

Summary

First period: 1, Valley-Dowling — Tim Jones (Brian Krueger, Chuck Armstrong) 5:38. 2, Valley-Dowling — Brad Settle (Tony Dressen) 11:53. *Penalties:* Jones, WDM, 7:48; Nichol, SC, 14:56.

Second period: 3, Valley-Dowling — Krueger (Cory Anderson, Tim Jones) 3:41. *Penalties:* Anderson, WDM, 9:59; Swartzel, SC, 9:59; Geiger, WDM, 10:43; Grob, WDM, 13:33; Graber, SC, 13:33.

Third period: 4, Valley-Dowling — Jones (Anderson, Krueger) 12:01. *Penalties:* Dressen, WDM, 2:31; Swartzel, SC, 2:56; Swartzel, SC, 2:56; Reynolds, WDM, 10:25.

Score by periods:

Valley-Dowling	2	1	1—4
Sioux City	0	0	0—0

Shots on goal:

Valley-Dowling	11	10	15—36
Sioux City	10	7	10—27

Goalies: Scott Geiger, Valley-Dowling; Scott Patrick, Sioux City.

Referees: Doty, Platz. Linesman: Wagon.