

# Patrick, Metros shut out Valley-Dowling in opener

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Scott Patrick's immaculate goaltending and a beat-the-clock goal by Chris Swanson helped the Sioux City Metros to a 1-0 first-round victory over West Des Moines Valley-Dowling Friday night in the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament at Sioux City Auditorium.

Swanson provided the game-winning goal when he pushed the puck past Valley-Dowling goaltender Eric Gibson with just one second remaining in the first period.

It was Swanson's third goal of the season and 17th point. Mike Swartzel and Brian Burke had assists on the game's lone goal.

In afternoon games Friday, regular-season scoring champion Marc Gillard collected a hat trick in sparking Waterloo Public to an 8-2 victory over defending state champion Ames, then Brian Wehr, the second-leading scorer in the prep league, broke loose for a hat trick as Waterloo Columbus waltzed by Urbandale 9-3.

Sioux City's Patrick recorded his third shutout of the season in turning back 16 shots.

Although Sioux City's pestering defense limited Valley-Dowling to just 16 shots, Patrick had to come up with several big saves on what appeared to be potential red-lighters at the moment of launch.

Valley-Dowling's last gasp came with just over a minute remaining when Patrick, a junior at East High School, was left face-to-face with a Tiger forward 10 feet directly in front

## State hockey

### Tournament schedule

#### Friday's Games

Waterloo Public 8, Ames 2  
Waterloo Columbus 9, Urbandale 3  
Sioux City 1, W.D.M. Valley-Dowling 0  
Mason City 12, Ames 2

#### Today's Games

##### CONSOLATION ROUND-ROBIN

10:30 a.m. — Urbandale (5-13-1) vs. West Des Moines Valley-Dowling (8-10-1)

##### SEMIFINALS

1 p.m. — Waterloo Public (13-6-0) vs. Waterloo Columbus (12-6-1)  
3:30 — Sioux City (10-7-2) vs. Mason City (14-4-1)

of the net.

"At that moment my heart felt like it had popped out of my mouth and you could have scooped it off the ice," said Patrick. "Fortunately, the guy mishandled the puck and the shot was way wide.

"What a win for us, though. We felt we had to win that first game for sure since we're the home team in the tournament. We wanted to play our best and get by the first round," said Patrick, who blanked Columbus earlier this year 3-0 and checked Ames 6-0.

Sioux City is hosting the state prep hockey tournament for the first time.

Semifinal games in the 11th annual tournament today match the Waterloo Public Warriors (13-6-0) and Columbus (12-6-1) at 1 p.m., and Sioux City (10-7-2) and Mason City at 3:30.

Mason City, the regular-season champion, improved its record to 14-1 with a 12-2 win over Ames Friday

night. Ames, the only team to play twice Friday, is now 2-18.

Mason City's Jeremy Sheetz had three goals in the win over Ames.

In the first game Friday night, Valley-Dowling goaltender Gibson withered 37 shots himself with a tidy job of netminding against the Metros.

Waterloo Public's Gillard zipped home two goals in the second period and another in the third to fuel the Warriors past Ames.

Columbus's Wehr had a goal in each period and also assisted on a goal to take the tournament scoring lead.

Steve Tunks also got a hat trick with all three Urbandale goals in the loss to Columbus.

Sioux City's Patrick, who also competes in football and track at East High, is hoping for a strong senior season. "My goal is to either make a college team or a Junior 'A' team after next year," said the Metro goalie, who has been in goal for all of Sioux City's games this season.

"I'm going to try my best to make the Musketeers team," continued Patrick. "Not very many Sioux City kids have played for the Musketeers, but I'd like to give it a try," said the 17-year-old, whose brother, Craig, is a goaltender and plays club hockey at Cal State-Fullerton.

In a morning game today at 10:30, Urbandale will meet Valley-Dowling in the first game of a round-robin consolation to determine fifth, sixth and seventh in the tournament.

Sunday, Valley-Dowling and Ames play at 10:30 a.m. and Ames and Urbandale meet at 8 a.m. in other consolation round-robin games.

Semifinal losers today play in the third-place game Sunday at 1 p.m.

#### Summary

First period: 1, Sioux City — Chris Swanson (Mike Swartzel, Brian Burke) 14:59. Penalties: Grob, V-D, 5:30; Watson, V-D, 9:28; McCoy, V-D, 14:51.

Second period: No scoring. Penalties: Anderson, V-D, 7:02; McCoy, V-D, 10:40; Goodwin, V-D, 10:40; Burke, SC, 10:40; Reynolds, SC (double minor).

Third period: No scoring. Penalties: Coyle, SC, 1:41; Scott, SC, 5:45; Fuller, V-D, 9:22; Swartzel, SC, 9:22; Goodwin, V-D, 14:12; Coyle, SC, 14:12; Valley-Dowling bench, 14:12.

Score by periods:  
Valley-Dowling..... 0 0 0 — 0  
Sioux City..... 1 0 0 — 1

Shots on goal:  
Valley-Dowling..... 2 8 6 — 16  
Sioux City..... 13 15 10 — 38

Referee: Jim Peck. Linesmen: Doran Doty, Chuck

Attendance 400 (est.)

## Raiders draw Oregon Tech

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Northwestern College, champion of District 15 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), will play No. 13 seed Oregon Tech in the first round of the 50th annual national tournament here next Wednesday.

The Red Raiders, sporting one of the tournament's best records at 27-4, will meet Oregon Tech at 10:45 p.m. The Hustlin' Owls, representing District 2, have also lost four games while winning 32.

This will be the third appearance in the nationals for both teams and neither has won a game to date.