

Omaha Gladiators capture crown

The Omaha Gladiators kept Sioux City off the scoreboard until 3:18 remained in the game and beat the Metros 4-1 in the championship game of the Iowa High School Hockey League junior varsity tournament at the Municipal Auditorium Sunday.

Joey Perell scored two goals for the Gladiators, the tournament's top seed by virtue of having won the regular-season league championship. Perell's first goal came early in the second period and he closed his team's scoring 3½ minutes into the third stanza.

The Gladiators had a strong defensive effort, holding the Metros to just 14 shots on goal. The Sioux City point was by Marcus Andre.

Omaha advanced to the finals with a pair of wins Saturday. The Metros won once Saturday, then beat Ames 4-3 Sunday morning to reach the title tilt.

Other place games Sunday found Omaha Junior Lancers taking third over Ames, Mason City beating West Des Moines Valley-Dowling for fifth and Waterloo Public beating Urbandale for seventh.