

Metros take second in state tourney

WATERLOO, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros, seeking the Iowa High School Hockey League championship here Sunday, came up a bit short against Waterloo Public.

The host Warriors, who had upset top-seeded Waterloo Columbus to reach the finals, bumped the Metros 3-1 in a game which was not without some controversy.

Sioux City, also a surprise winner Saturday over second-seeded West Des Moines Valley-Dowling, outshot Waterloo 45-16, but managed to slip only one shot past Warriors goalkeeper K.C. Doland.

And it was a controversial second penalty shot for Waterloo's Quinn Ernster that resulted in the game-winning goal in the third period.

Landon Blatchford, a 14-year-old freshman from East High School, scored the Sioux City goal at 6:54 of the first period. Tracy Brunken, also of East High, got the assist on the power play.

Waterloo managed to tie the score at 12:59 of the first stanza on Kirk Schoonover's goal. There was no scoring in the second period.

With the score still tied at 1-1,

Sioux City's Brian Augustine, a junior at Heelan, was called for tripping Waterloo's Ernster at 6:44 of the final period.

Since the referees ruled that Ernster had a breakaway when tripped, he was awarded a penalty shot. Sioux City goalie Jeff Brogan, a North junior, stopped Ernster's shot, only to find out the officials were awarding Ernster another try. The ruling was that Brogan moved out of his crease before Ernster picked up the puck at center ice to begin his first penalty shot.

On the second attempt Ernster beat Brogan to give Waterloo a 2-1 lead.

The Warriors notched an insurance marker at 13:19 by Derek Hileman. It also was a power play.

While Brogan was facing only 16 Waterloo shots, the Metros blasted 45 at Waterloo's Doland. Doland, who led the league with four shutouts during the regular season, turned aside 13 shots the first period, 13 the second and 18 in the third.

Waterloo, which finished fourth in the league during the regular

season, was seeded fourth in the tournament while the Metros, third in the IHSHL, were seeded third in the tourney.

The championship gave the Warriors a season-ending 17-4-1 record while Sioux City finished at 16-9-2.

Five Sioux City players were named to the 25-player all-state team. They were defenseman Augustine and North senior Bert Post and forwards Brett Austin, East senior; Chris Sorum, Heelan junior, and T.J. Reinsch, Heelan junior.

Summary

First period: 1, Sioux City — Landon Blatchford (Tracy Brunken) 6:54. 2, Waterloo — Kirk Schoonover (Andy Gericke, Tracy Henn) 12:09. Penalties: Ernster, W, 6:38.

Second period: No scoring. Penalties: Ernster, W, 2:53; Hilenan, W, 6:07; Blatchford, SC, 6:46; Henn, W, 9:16.

Third period: 3, Waterloo — Quinn Ernster (penalty shot) 6:44. 4, Waterloo — Derek Hileman (Gericke) 13:19. Penalties: Johnson, W, 4:53; Augustine, SC, 6:44; Henn, W, 9:45; Reinsch, SC, 9:45; Post, SC, 11:47.

Score by periods:

Waterloo.....	1	0	2	—	3
Sioux City.....	1	0	0	—	1

Shots on goal:

Waterloo.....	4	5	7	—	16
Sioux City.....	14	13	18	—	45

Goalies: K.C. Doland, Waterloo; Jeff Brogan, Sioux City.

Referees: Steve Kammeyer, Rick Kemp; Linesman — Del Donaldson.