

# Metros reach IHSHL title match with 8-3 win over Valley-Dowling

AMES, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros used a strong second period to gain an 8-3 win over West Des Moines Valley-Dowling in a semifinal game in the Iowa High School Hockey League tournament played here Saturday.

The Metros, now 26-5-1 for the season, will play the winner of Saturday's Waterloo-Dubuque game today at 12:45 p.m. for the state championship. The Sioux Cityans finished second to Waterloo in last year's state tourney.

Valley-Dowling opened up a 2-0 lead before Daniel Davies' power-play goal on an assist from Jesse Monell put the Metros on the board at 9:17 of the first period.

Sioux City tied the game at 2-2 Brian Augustine's goal at 11:47, assisted by Landon Blatchford, and took a 3-2 lead as Tracy Brunken put the puck in the net at 13:25. Brunken's goal was also assisted by Monell. The game was tied at 3-3 after the first period.

In the decisive second period, Sioux City began hitting well and goaltender Jeff Brogan made some good saves on second-chance Valley-Dowling shots.

The Metros shut out Valley-Dowling 4-0 in the second frame, with Monell, Davies, Chris Sorum and T.J. Reinsch scoring goals. Reinsch's goal came when the Metros were shorthanded.

Sorum scored the Metros' final goal and the only goal of the third period on assists from Jason Osbahr and Reinsch.

**First period:** 1, Valley-Dowling — Andy Byrkit (Andrew LeToumeau, Jeff Richer) 3:56. 2, Valley-Dowling — Scott Hughes (Jeff Furtwangler) 5:56. 3, Sioux City — Daniel Davies (Jesse Monell) 9:17. 4, Sioux City — Brian Augustine (Landon Blatchford) 11:47. 5, Sioux City — Tracy Brunken (Monell) 13:25. 6, Valley-Dowling — Nick Kruger (LeToumeau) 14:39. **Penalties:** Poli, V-D, 7:48; Poli, V-D, 14:26; Pospeshil, SC, 14:26.

**Second period:** 7, Sioux City — Monell (Brunken, Davies) 2:01. 8, Sioux City — Davies (Monell) 5:19. 9, Sioux City — Chris Sorum (Augustine, Matt Lester) 12:47. 10, Sioux City — T.J. Reinsch (Sorum) 13:52. **Penalties:** Osbahr, SC, 12:14.

**Third period:** 11, Sioux City — Sorum (Jason Osbahr, Reinsch) 7:37. **Penalties:** Brunken, SC, 1:49; Kruger, V-D, 3:48; Lester, SC, 3:48; Poli, V-D, 9:24; Monell, SC, 9:24; Brunken, SC, 9:24; Byrkit, V-D, 12:13; Roberts, SC, 12:13; LeToumeau, V-D, 13:50; Poli, V-D, 14:48.

**Score by periods:**  
 Valley-Dowling..... 3 0 0 — 3  
 Sioux City..... 3 4 1 — 8

**Shots on goal:**  
 Valley-Dowling..... 8 9 6 — 23  
 Sioux City..... 12 20 13 — 45

**Goalies:** Kyle Geiger, Valley-Dowling; Jeff Brogan, Sioux City.

**Referees:** Rick Kemp, Steve Kammeyer.