

Metro icers earn shot at state title

MASON CITY, Iowa — The Sioux City Metros kept alive their hopes of a third straight Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament championship, defeating the Omaha Gladiators 5-2 in the semifinal round here Saturday.

The Metros, now 16-10, play West Des Moines Valley/Dowling today at 3 p.m. in the championship game. It was Sioux City's first win in five tries against the top-seeded Gladiators this season.

Mike Stoneburg scored two goals for the Metros of Coach Dave Davies, who went to work early with three red lighters in the first period.

Daniel Thonestad, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, knocked in the first Metro goal just 1:30 into the game, taking an assist from Eric Rubel.

Dan Davies, Sioux City's leading scorer, made it 2-0 with a goal at 7:34, Taylor Schramm and Landon Blatchford getting credit for assists. Blatchford then scored the third Metro goal on assists from Taylor Schramm and Mark Doren at 9:57 before Omaha finally broke into the scoring column.

Stoneburg, a freshman from North, accounted for the final two Sioux City goals, finding the net at 1:50 of the second period and 10:49 of the third. Rubel chalked

Sewalson tough again

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up his second and third assists, while Thonestad also chipped in on the final Metro counter.

Sioux City goalie Mike Sewalson, filling in for Ben Hudson, who underwent a recent appendectomy, turned away 20 of 22 Gladiator shots. Sewalson, a sophomore from East, also played an outstanding game in a 4-3 overtime win over host Mason City Friday night.

The Metros fired 29 shots at Gladiator netminder Scott Kincaid, who posted a 17-5 regular season record with two shutouts.

The Gladiators, champions of the IHSHL West Division, advanced to the semifinal round with a 6-1 win over the Omaha Jr. Lancers late Friday night.

Valley/Dowling improved its record to 19-7 with a 5-1 semifinal victory over Waterloo Saturday. The West Des Moines entry finished second in the West Division while Sioux City and St. Joseph tied for third.

The Metros scored wins of 5-2, 6-4 and 2-1 (overtime) over Valley/Dowling during the regular season. Valley/Dowling's victory came by an 8-3 margin.

Waterloo and the Gladiators will play for third place at 12:30 Sunday.

Summary

First period: 1, Sioux City — Daniel Thonestad (Eric Rubel) 1:30. 2, Sioux City — Dan Davies (Taylor Schramm, Landon Blatchford) 7:34. 3, Sioux City — Blatchford (Taylor Schramm, Mark Doren) 9:57. 4, Omaha — Heath Shaffer (Monte Dirks) 12:21. Penalties — Manners, O, 1:30; Rubel, SC, 1:30; Juon, SC, 6:40; Hedquist, SC, 10:45; S. Schramm, SC, 11:22.

Second period: 5, Sioux City — Mike Stoneburg (Rubel) 1:50. 6, Omaha — Joey Perell (Shaffer, Dave Gonnion) 10:28. Penalties: Rubel, SC, 8:37; Davies, SC, 11:41; Perell, O, 14:47.

Third period: 7, Sioux City — Stoneburg (Rubel, Thonestad) 10:49. Penalties: None.

Score by periods:

Sioux City.....	3	1	1	—	5
Omaha.....	1	1	0	—	2

Shots on goal:

Sioux City.....	..10	8	11	—	29
Omaha.....	4	9	9	—	22

Goalkeepers: Matt Sewalson, Sioux City; Scott Kincaid, Omaha.

Referee: Steve Kammeyer. Linesmen: Del Donaldson, Steve Kemp.

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