

## ■ State hockey: Sioux City 2, Waterloo 1

# Warriors drop second game in state tourney

By **KENN MacADAM**  
Courier Sports Writer

Sioux City isn't used to being in the consolation round, and it showed Friday.

The Metros, Iowa High School Hockey League tournament finalists for the last five years, skated to a lackluster 2-1 win over the Waterloo Warriors at Young Arena after being upset earlier in the day by Ames in the tourney's first round.

"It's very strange not going for the title," said Sioux City coach Jim Peck. "We were disappointed with the loss to Ames, and we came out flat against Waterloo."

That gave the Warriors, 7-6 losers to Dubuque Thursday in the preliminary round, a good shot at further deflating the Metros, but though the defense played well, the offense couldn't get anything going until it was too late.

A Sioux City power play goal at 11:08 in the first period and another score at 7:16 in the second held up for the defending champion Metros, finalists the past five years and winners of three titles in that span.

The Warriors were outshot in the first two periods 25-10, but they turned up the offensive pressure in the third, putting 12 shots on goal compared to Sioux City's six. It paid off when Jason Boller scored his second goal in two nights by netting Jason Verbraken's rebound.

But the goal came with just 2:15 remaining in the game, and the Warriors were unable to get past Metro goalie Matt Sewalson (21 saves) the rest of the way.

Waterloo coach Mike Brown wasn't totally displeased with his team's effort, but he told them after the game that close isn't cutting it anymore.

"Sometimes we just accept playing well against a good team," he said. "It's nice, but sooner or later we have to start winning games."

"The kids just need to develop confidence when they're out there with their skates on."

Johan Jigenstedt scored the Metros' first goal when he skated across the middle, waited for Warrior goalie Steve Cak (23 saves) to commit and flipped a left-handed shot into the net. Jigenstedt assisted on Sioux City's second goal, scored by Mike Stoneburg, which allowed the Metros to retreat into their own zone to guard their net.

"They kept us on our heels the first period-and-a-half - we weren't aggressive like we were the night before," Brown said. "When they got out 2-0, they decided to just grind it out."

Waterloo	0	0	1	-1
Sioux City	1	1	0	-2

**FIRST PERIOD** — 1. Sioux City, Johan Jigenstedt (Ari Helenius) 11:08. Penalties — Luke McCarthy, Wat (roughing) 2:50; Robert Jaynes, SC (cross-checking) 4:40; Brad Haggiba, Wat (holding) 9:24.

**SECOND PERIOD** — 2. Sioux City, Mike Stoneburg (Jigenstedt) 7:16. Penalties — Josh Strong, SC (tripping) 8:48; Tim Markey, Wat (roughing) 14:53; Mark Doren, SC (roughing) 15:05.

**THIRD PERIOD** — 3. Waterloo, Jason Boller (Jason Verbraken, Ben Brown) 12:45. Penalties — Seth Schramm, SC (high-sticking) 8:57; Garret Heyns, SC (hooking) 10:19.

**SHOTS ON GOAL**

Waterloo	4	6	12	-22
Sioux City	8	17	6	-31

Goalkeepers — Sioux City, Matt Sewalson (21 saves); Waterloo, Steve Cak (23 saves); Ryan Eldridge (8 saves).

Referee — Rich Golliveau. Linesmen — Kevin McDonald, Del Donaldson.

# Top-seeded Lancers open with rout of Dubuque, 7-0

The top-seeded Omaha Jr. Lancers enjoyed an impressive start to their quest for a state title with a 7-0 rout of eighth-seeded Dubuque in first-round action of the state hockey tournament at Young Arena Friday.

Jeremiah Johnson scored a hat trick for Omaha with three goals and two assists while teammate Jason Swanson scored a goal and handed out three assists.

Fifth-seeded Ames put an end to a tournament tradition of sorts with a 3-2 win over the defending champions and fourth-seeded Sioux City. The loss put an end to a five-year streak in which the Metros reached the title game. James Klaus had two goals and an assist for Ames.

Last year's runner-up, the Omaha Gladiators also fell in the first round to Des Moines, 4-2. Chad Ingle had

## State hockey roundup

two goals for the Capitals.

Second-seeded Mason City routed St. Joseph's (Mo.) 8-2 to advance to the semifinals. Mikko Lauka had two goals and two assists for the Mohawks.

Probably the most exciting game of the tournament came in a first-round consolation game, where the Omaha Gladiators defeated St. Joseph's, 5-4 in overtime.

The Gladiators were down 4-2 in the third period when they began to mount their rally.

Ryan Perrell scored on a power play to bring the Gladiators within one and then Chad Haferbier scored on another power play with 2:48 left in regulation to tie the score.