

# Metros capture consolation title

DES MOINES — The Sioux City Metros claimed the consolation championship of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament here Sunday, clipping Ames 3-2 at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

Walt Johnson scored the game-winning goal at 7:01 of the third period as the Metros closed out a 24-13 season. Sioux City's young squad finished 18-11 in IHSHL play.

The Metros bounced back after a 2-1 opening-round loss to Des Moines with a 6-1 victory over Waterloo Saturday. Sunday's thrilling win capped a strong second half of the season for Coach Jim Peck's troops.

"Our guys have shown steady improvement over the past three months," said Peck, named IHSHL Coach of the Year by his peers. "Unlike last year's loss in the state tournament, we leave this time with a good feeling.

"With a returning nucleus of fine young players, everyone is looking forward to next year."

The fifth-place finish was the second straight for the Metros, who captured the 1994 state championship under Peck.

Johnson's goal, with assists from Mike Stoneburg and Sam Kincaide, put the Metros in front 3-1. Ames got a red-lighter at 7:24, narrowing the final margin.

Freshman Jeff Kempter gave the Metros a 1-0 lead, scoring just a minute into the contest on assists from Johnson and Stoneburg. Ames' Cyclones, though, deadlocked the score 41 seconds later.

Sioux City's Sam Kincaide, named to the second team all-state squad as

a defenseman, gave his team a 2-1 advantage, finding the net at 6:52 of the second period. Clint Stiles got an assist on the goal by Kincaide, a senior from Homer, Neb.

Ames outshot the Metros 23-19, while junior Damon Keith picked up the victory in goal.

Stoneburg, a junior from North, was also named to the all-state third team as a forward. Keith, Johnson and Munger were honorable mention selections.

The Omaha Junior Lancers won the state tournament title, defeating host Des Moines 5-3 in the championship game.

13:00 (misconduct); Knapp, A, 13:00 (misconduct); Morrison, A, 14:13; Augaline, SC, 14:13.

Scores by periods:

Ames	1	0	1	—	2
Sioux City	1	1	1	—	3

Shots on goal:

Ames	7	6	8	—	21
Sioux City	5	4	7	—	16

Goalkeepers: Ryan Handley, Ames; Damon Keith, Sioux City.

Referee: Del Donaldson. Linesmen: Al Stoltz, Dan White.

Attendance: 121.

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## Summary

First period: 1, Sioux City — Jeff Kempter (Walt Johnson, Mike Stoneburg) 1:02. 2, Ames — Steve Huebsch (A. Hagberg) 1:41. Penalties: Lawlor, A, 1:46; Huebsch, A, 5:34; Murdoch, A, 9:10; Berg, SC, 9:10 (misconduct); Johnson, SC, 13:04.

Second period: 3, Sioux City — Sam Kincaide (Clint Stiles) 6:56. Penalties: Mills, SC, 1:40; Keith, SC, 2:04; Stoneburg, SC, 5:17; Kempter, SC, 6:26.

Third period: 4, Sioux City — Johnson (Stoneburg, Kincaide) 7:01. 5, Ames — A. Murdoch (unassisted) 7:24. Penalties: Fraser, SC, 2:54; Knapp, A, 5:35; Mozak, SC, 5:35; Murdoch, A, 6:26; Jensen, SC, 12:17; Stiles, SC.