

Team Tri-State falls in Chicago Showcase opener

CHICAGO — Team Tri-State, an all-star unit composed of top players from the Iowa High School Hockey League, lost a 5-2 decision to New York in its first outing at the Chicago Showcase hockey tournament here Wednesday.

Team Tri-State's goals were delivered by Nick Saldi (Omaha Jr. Lancers) and Dave Collette (Omaha Gladiators). The game was knotted 2-2 before New York connected twice with long shots and tacked on an empty net goal at the end. A game against Indiana today is the next assignment for Team Tri-State, which will meet Pittsburgh Friday. Pittsburgh defeated Indiana 6-0 Wednesday.

Four members of the Sioux City Metros — Nick Mills, Will Persinger, Chresten Jensen and Kyle Worner — play for Team Tri-State. Other squad members were selected from Mason City, Waterloo, Kansas City and Des Moines.

Team Tri-State prevails twice in Chicago

CHICAGO — Team Tri-State, an all-star hockey team composed of players from the Iowa High School Hockey League coached by Sioux City Metros Coach Walt Johnson, bounced back from an opening-round loss in the Chicago Showcase tournament with two victories.

Team Tri-State beat Indiana 4-1 on Thursday and Pittsburgh 8-1 on Friday, advancing to a Saturday game against either New Jersey or Michigan.

The Metros' Kyle Worner scored a goal and assist in the win over Indiana, while Will Persinger of Sioux City had an assist. Worner had a goal and two assists against Pittsburgh, while Chresten Jensen tacked on a goal and assist.

Mike Newell of the Omaha Junior Lancers was the winning goalie in both games.

Team Tri-State finishes 9th in country

CHICAGO — Team Tri-State beat Michigan 5-1 in the Chicago Showcase hockey tournament Saturday, finishing ninth while competing against teams from across the country.

Team Tri-State, coached by Sioux City Metros Coach Walt Johnson, is composed of Iowa High School Hockey League players.

Chresten Jensen of the Metros scored two goals Saturday, while Dave Collette of the Omaha Gladiators added two and Jason McCollum of Des Moines one. Joel Ruegg of the Gladiators was the winning goaltender.