



SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Victory: The Des Moines Capitals defeated their hosts, the Sioux City Metros, 3-0, on March 12 in the championship game of the Iowa High School Hockey League varsity state tournament.

Des Moines Capitals celebrate hockey title

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The Des Moines Capitals high school hockey team and coach Scott Krueger get the best of Sioux City whenever the teams meet in the championship game of the Iowa High School Hockey League varsity state tournament.

The Capitals defeated host Sioux City, 3-0, on March 12 in the final, which kept the Metros from winning their third consecutive state title.

Krueger also coached the Valley/Dowling team that beat Sioux City in the final of the 1993 tournament. That also kept Sioux City from winning a third title in succession.

"We wanted to play Sioux City," said Krueger, whose team also won the season title, with a 19-3 record, for the third consecutive year. "We knew our team would play better against them because we would be playing a team that had already beat us once this season."

Senior forward Scott Long, who led the league with 31 goals and 55 points, scored twice in the first period.

Four Des Moines skaters were named to the Iowa High School Hockey League all-star team: forwards Matt Beals, Brad Ramsey and Scott Long and defenseman Brett Murphy. They will represent the Capitals in the Chicago Showcase Tournament in April.

"I knew if we played our game we would be all right," said Long, an Urbandale High School student. "Once we scored that first goal, I knew it was our game to win or lose and we just kept going from there."

"We knew we were the favorites going into the tournament. We finally got the pressure off our backs and won one."

Des Moines controlled the puck most of the first period and set the tone.

"The first shift of the game, (Ben Boulden) made a great save on a two-on-one break," Krueger said. "Three shifts later we scored and took control."

The Capitals survived a scare with a 4-3 win over Lincoln, Neb., in the quarterfinals. Junior forward Brad Ramsey scored the

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Pos.	Player	School	Yr.
Goal.	Kyle Angier	Roosevelt	Sr.
For.	John Baker	Roosevelt	Sr.
For.	Mike Baker	Roosevelt	Sr.
For.	Matt Beals	East	Jr.
Goal.	Ben Boulden	Dowling	Jr.
For.	Eric Butterwick	Johnston	So.
For.	Jeff Cheeseman	Roosevelt	So.
Def.	Ben Furneaux	Roosevelt	Sr.
For.	David Gordan-Kamm	Urbandale	So.
Def.	Logan Hollobaugh	Johnston	Sr.
Def.	A.J. Horrigan	Roosevelt	Jr.
Def.	Johnny Johnson	Urbandale	Fr.
For.	Drew Keller	Urbandale	Sr.
For.	Scott Long	Urbandale	Sr.
Def.	Jared Marean	Valley	Sr.
Def.	Brett Murphy	Roosevelt	Sr.
For.	Jason Museiman	Urbandale	Sr.
Def.	Nick Pearson	Urbandale	Sr.
For.	Steve Ramsey	Dowling	So.
Def.	Charlie Urbanek	Valley	Jr.
Goal.	Kyle Walsh	Roosevelt	Fr.
For.	Rob Wigger	Johnston	Jr.

Coach — Scott Krueger.
Assistants — Jeff Baker, Andy Wade.
Team Representative — Mark Ramsey

winning goal with 12 seconds left, after the Capitals had trailed after two periods, 3-1.

The Capitals defeated Waterloo in the semifinals, 6-3.

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