

Lohry goal in 3rd OT gives Metros state title

Sioux City clips Oak Leafs in final

WATERLOO, Iowa — It's Kevin Lohry's dream to someday play for the Sioux City Musketeers.

The opportunity to try out for the United States Hockey League team may occur sooner than later if the West High sophomore continues to exhibit his prodigious goal-scoring skills.

Sunday, Lohry capped a brilliant Iowa High School Hockey League tournament performance when he scored the dramatic winning goal 29 seconds into the third overtime to give the Sioux City Metros a 5-4 victory over the Des Moines Oak Leafs in the tournament championship game.

The two upstarts were playing for the championship after knocking off favored foes in the semifinals.

The fifth-seeded Metros defeated top-seeded Mason City, 6-4, and sixth-seeded Des Moines had knocked off its city rival, the second-seeded Des Moines Capitals. Mason City took a 32-1-1 record into the tournament.

Lohry, who scored eight goals and had four assists in three games, was named the tournament most valuable player. He had four goals in an opening win over Waterloo.

"Everybody was focused this weekend on winning the championship," said Lohry. "We just

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put everything together.

"In this series everybody had heart and everybody gave it their all in the championship game.

"I've been playing hockey since I was two years old. I'm only a sophomore, but I would like to try out for the Musketeers."

For the third straight game, the Metros fell behind 2-0 and then rallied to win.

Sunday at Young Arena, Jason Brown and Lucas DuBay scored for the Oak Leafs in the first period, but Alex Lukehart, with an assist from Lohry, scored 40 seconds into the second period.

The goal opened the offensive flood gates for the Metros, who finished the season 21-11-4.

Chase Kinchen, on the power play, and Sam Schweigert poked in red-lighters for a 3-2 lead, but Brian Spring's unassisted goal for the Leafs tied the count at 3-3.

The Metros regained the lead on Daniel Limoges' goal at 13:35 of the second period. The Oak Leafs knotted the game at 4-4 and forced overtime on a Jason Steward goal at 7:30 of the third period.

After two scoreless overtime sessions, Lohry delivered his game-winning goal early in the third extra session.

"This game was for all the marbles and this was the second season for us," said Jeff Gray, who co-coaches the Metros with Jim Peck. "We were the fifth seed, but everybody's on the same plane in the state tournament."

"There's always more emphasis on the state tournament rather than the regular season and we just had a lot more pre-game preparation."

Sioux City, fourth in the tourney last year, won its sixth IHSHL state tourney title, adding the 2003 crown to its 1991-92-94-98-99 championships.

Sioux City 5, Oak Leafs 4

First period: 1, Des Moines — Jason Brown (Drew Schade) 5:15; 2, Des Moines — Lucas DuBay (Brown, Kyle Norris) 6:07. Penalties: Kempter, SC, interference, 6:38; Drew, DM, slashing, 10:19.

Second period: 3, Sioux City — Alex Lukehart (Kevin Lohry) 0:40; 4, Sioux City — Chase Kinchen (Lukehart), power play, 2:48; 5, Sioux City — Sam Schweigert (Kyle Bennett, Jon Soole) 10:09; 6, Des Moines — Brian Spring (unassisted) 12:02; 7, Sioux City — Daniel Limoges (Bennett) 13:35. Penalties: Schade, DM, interference; Limoges, SC, interference.

Third period: 8, Des Moines — Jason Steward (Grant Erbes, Drew Schade) 7:30. Penalties: Lukehart, SC, boarding, 2:29; Dowling, DM, tripping, 13:11.

First overtime: No scoring. Penalties: Limoges, SC, hooking, 0:52.

Second overtime: No scoring. Penalties: None.

Third overtime: 9, Sioux City — Lohry (Aaron Limoges) 0:29. Penalties: None.

Score by periods:

Sioux City	0	4	0	0	0	1	—	5
Des Moines	2	1	1	0	0	0	—	4

Shots on goal:

Sioux City	4	14	6	5	4	1	—	34
Des Moines	10	6	9	6	8	0	—	39

Goalkeepers: Beau Erickson, Sioux City; Geoffrey Miller, Des Moines.

Referee: Donaldson. Linesmen: White, Waddick.