

# Metros drop tournament opener

DAVENPORT, Iowa – Ryan Thorsland gave the Sioux City Metros a strong start Friday night with a goal at the 1:55 mark of the first period.

However, Jacob Digmann tied the game 3 1/2 minutes later as the top-seeded Des Moines Oak Leafs rallied for a 10-1 first-round rout at the Midwest High School Hockey League Varsity Championships held at the Quad City Sports Center.

Thorsland's 15th goal of the season was assisted by Justin Thiele and Kyle Lierman. Sioux City (13-21-1-2), which entered the game with wins in nine of its last 10 games, allowed four goals the remainder of the opening frame.

Des Moines (32-2-2-1), which got two goals apiece from Digmann, Chris Kunnen and Cody Weaver, added two goals in the second period and four goals in the third.

The Metros will face the Kansas City Junior Outlaws at 11 a.m. today in a consolation game.

## Des Moines 10, Sioux City 1

**First period:** 1, Sioux City – Ryan Thorsland (Justin Thiele, Kyle Lierman), 1:55. 2, Des Moines – Jacob Digmann (Chad Minard), 5:29. 3, Des Moines – Hunter Beck (Digmann), 10:09. 4, Des Moines – Tyler Belling (Jason Hammer, Matthew Vogl), 11:03. 5, Des Moines – Chris Kunnen (Belling). Penalties: Kunnen, DM, slashing, 6:50.

**Second period:** 6, Des Moines – Cody Weaver (Jake Mandziara), 10:33. 7, Des Moines – Kunnen (Minard, Digmann), 10:51. Penalties: Minard, DM, head checking, 2:00; DuBay, DM, roughing, 13:15.

**Third period:** 8, Des Moines – Hammer (Vogl, Mandziara), 2:16. 9, Des Moines – Digmann (Minard), 4:05. 10, Des Moines – Robbie George (unassisted), 10:24. 11, Des Moines – Weaver (George). Penalties: Harsma, SC, unsportsmanlike conduct, 10:00.

### Score by periods:

Des Moines	4	2	4	-	10
Sioux City	1	0	0	-	1

### Shots on goal:

Des Moines	10	9	9	-	28
Sioux City	7	4	6	-	17

Goaltenders: Kyler Pietz, Des Moines, 18 shots, 17 saves. Lee Noel, Sioux City and Tyler Brinkerhoff, Sioux City, combined for 28 shots, 18 saves.

Referee: Wicks. Linesmen: Paul Koskovich, Njell Cooley.