

LINCOLN 5, SIOUX CITY 3

Metros finish sixth at MSHSL Tournament

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AMES, Iowa | Lincoln raced to an early 2-0 lead en route to a 5-3 win over the Sioux City Metros to take fifth place in the Midwest High School Hockey League Championships Sunday morning at the ISU Ice Arena.

Cody Harms scored one goal and added two assists for Lincoln (14-14-0-4), which was swept 5-4 and 4-3 by the Metros last weekend. Those defeats enabled Sioux City to collect the eighth seed and compete in the MSHSL Tournament for the first time since 2010.

Harms' goal at the 6:21 mark of the opening period gave the Junior Stars the two-goal advantage. Sioux City (13-17-0-1) pulled within 2-1 six minutes later on Braden Cherkas' goal.

It was the second goal of the tournament for Cherkas. Taylor LaScala and Luke Boose were credited with assists on the play.

Harms dished assists on goals by Griffin Miller and Jackson Westesen that were recorded in the

second and third periods, respectively. Westesen's goal gave Lincoln a 5-1 lead.

Sioux City got goals, 69 seconds apart, from Sam Bauer and Luke Keeble in the third period. Bauer scored one goal in each of the Metros' three MSHSL games and finished the season with nine goals and seven assists.

A.J. Boose and LaScala dished assists on Bauer's power-play goal while A.J. Boose and Luke Boose assisted on Keeble's goal.

Goaltender Josh Stoos had 31 saves.

LaScala, Bauer and Brandon Carlson will represent Sioux City in the MSHSL All-Star Game March 2 in Ames.

The Metros Junior Varsity will compete in the MSHSL JV Year-End Tournament which starts this Friday at Ames. Fifth-seeded Sioux City (16-9-3) will open the tournament against the fourth-seeded Des Moines Capitals (18-7-3) starting at noon at the ISU Ice Arena.