

SIoux CITY 4, OMAHA 3

Metros stay alive at MHSHL Tournament

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AMES, Iowa | Braden Cherkas and Brandon Carlson each scored one second-period goal for the Sioux City Metros, who held on for a 4-3 win over the fifth-seeded Omaha Junior Lancers in consolation-round action Saturday morning at the Midwest High School Hockey League Tournament.

Carlson and Connor Schlotfeldt assisted on Cherkas' power-play goal at the 1:29 mark of the middle stanza that gave Coach Brant Mozak's Metros a 3-1 lead.

Twelve minutes later, Carlson scored his 20th goal of the season, a short-handed red-lighter that increased the advantage by three. Carlson extended his scoring streak to seven games.

Cherkas assisted on Carlson's goal. Cherkas, who has now scored in six

straight games, has played along with Keegan Lyon and Carlson on the Metros' top line now for the five games.

Sioux City (13-16-0-1), the MHSHL's eighth seed, had also received first-period goals from A.J. Boose and Sam Bauer. Both players also scored goals in Friday night's 5-2 first-round loss to the top-seeded Des Moines Oak Leafs.

Winning goaltender Josh Stoos (13-12) yielded third-period goals from Jaydn Munnely and Branden Maas, but still collected 22 saves.

Sioux City will face seventh-seeded Lincoln (13-13-0-4) in the fifth-place game which will start this morning at 9 o'clock at the ISU Ice Arena. Lincoln, which dropped two games to the Metros last weekend at the IBP Ice Center, eliminated sixth-seeded Mason City 2-1 in Saturday's consolation game.