

Gridders to 'foot it' to ice rink

By Don Clasen

Eight Valley and Urbandale preps hope to make a quick change of footgear this weekend as the football season ends and the hockey season begins.

Among those planning to remove sneakers used on the artificial gridiron at Cedar Falls' UNI-Dome and don ice skates for Saturday night's hockey opener here will be Valley's Mike Hoshaw and Steve Mulholland.

They will have some 20 hours between the time Valley plays Hempstead of Dubuque for the state Class 4-A football crown Friday night and the time the Tigers face Waterloo at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

Hoshaw, a senior and regular defensive end on the football team, was a strong, first-line defenseman last year when Valley won the Metro hockey title. He hasn't practiced on the ice yet this season.

After Urbandale's game with Emmetsburg for the Class 3-A grid title Saturday afternoon, the J-Hawks' Jon White, John and Scott Williams, Scott Lyness, Mark Kinser and Walt Chapman hopefully will celebrate quickly before returning to Des Moines in time for Urbandale's hockey opener against Hoover-Roosevelt at 8:30 p.m.

But there's a hitch — the J-Hawks' Hockey —

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bus isn't scheduled to return until after the hockey game begins. However, some of the players may drive back earlier.

White is a star running back for the J-Hawk football team and the Williams brothers, Lyness and Kinser all are starters on offense or defense. Chapman is a kicker. All but Scott Williams are veterans of the J-Hawk hockey team and are being counted on to help make Urbandale a title threat on ice, too.

Meanwhile, Fred Yoder of West Des Moines, a long-time amateur coach and official who has taken over as commissioner of the Iowa High School Hockey League, said half of the 10 league teams will have new coaches this season.

Duke Dutkowski, who coached Columbus of Waterloo to state titles in the first three years of the league, will return to the Sailors to replace Mark Maloney as coach.

Paul Thelen takes over from John Pete at Mason City, and Jim Van Bergen, a former goalie at Concordia University, is the new boss at Ames.

On the local scene, Art Chiupka, a newcomer at Urbandale, joins Ankeny's Ray Mikulan as former Des Moines Oak Leafs who have become prep coaches, and Bob Goettach replaces the retired Brian McParland at Dowling.

Returning besides Mikulan and Valley's Julian Nixon are Reggie Valedex at Hoover-Roosevelt, Alex Schbicky at Sioux City and Dave Swick Sr. at Waterloo.

Mason City, which is attempting to raise money to enclose its outdoor rink, will play its home games at Austin and Albert Lea, Minn.

Ames' home games will be played in the new Cyclone Area Community Center.

Saturday Night's Games

AT DES MOINES ICE ARENA

6:30 — Valley vs. Waterloo

8:30 — Hoover-Roosevelt vs. Urbandale

Sunday Night's Games

AT DES MOINES ICE ARENA

6:30 — Hoover-Roosevelt vs. Mason City

8:30 — Ankeny vs. Dowling