

# Columbus skaters trim Public by one again 3-2

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The same team may always win by an identical margin, but there's certainly nothing ho-hum about the Columbus-Waterloo Public high school hockey rivalry.

Tuesday night's game went according to form at McElroy Auditorium.

Columbus emerged from a physical game with a 3-2 Iowa High School Hockey League victory Tuesday, the Sailors' seventh straight one-goal win over the Warriors.

The largest Waterloo hockey crowd in many seasons—announced at 3,880—witnessed the latest intra-city thriller.

Columbus' Doug Fischer scored the game-winning goal just six seconds after Public tied the game up early in the third. Fischer, who had failed to convert on a couple of excellent scoring opportunities early in the game, was at the left side of the Public goal when he steered in Bill McIntee's cross-ice pass.

"We deserved that one," said Columbus Coach Duke Dutkowski after his team wrapped up at least a share of the IHSHL title with their 14th win in as many league outings.

"I'M SO PROUD of all our kids. They gutted it out. It was a total team effort," he continued.

"We played good clean hockey."

Public Coach Dave Swick was understandably frustrated.

"What can you do? It was another good game. We played well, but so did they," said Swick.

"We were sleeping a little bit (on Columbus' winning goal). But you have to give them credit. It was a good play."

The early minutes set the stage for the rest of Tuesday night's game. There was a lot of hitting and referees Kirk Talbott and Ken Babichuk, both of Des Moines, let the teams play a physical game.

Public grabbed a 1-0 lead with just 13 seconds left in the opening period. Jim Hayes had his back to the Columbus goal at mid-ice, but managed to get the puck up to Matt Matous, who put the puck over Sailor goaltender Scott Boice.

Neither Boice nor his Public counterpart faced many first period chances. Columbus outshot the Warriors 8-6, but both goalkeepers made a couple of difficult stops.

BOICE HELD Public at bay in the middle stanza, making 14 saves, while the Sailors took a 2-1 lead on nine shots.

Public's Brant Gaede couldn't quite stop a hard shot Scott Dolan took from the blueline 5:40 into the second.

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### COLUMBUS LINEUP

Goal—Scott Boice; defense—Mark Lanigan, Fred Charles, Jeff Rink, Dan Sinnott, Dennis Hansen, Tim Martin; forwards—Shawn Hedican, Scott Dolan, Doug Fischer, Dick Long, Bryan Trowbridge, Tony Fischer, Brian Kieftly, Grant Weidner, Tom Lanigan, Joel Jasper, Bill McIntee, Rob Leskun.

### PUBLIC LINEUP

Goal—Brant Gaede; defense—John Jackson, Darrell Neelans, Doug Dietz, Bret Thompson; forwards—Brian Cook, Gary Wilson, Tim Welsh, Mark Stevens, Jim Hayes, Jim Tyler, Matt Matous, Tyrone Jacoby, Ed Wilson, Bill Volkamer, Todd Strein, T.J. Saul, Brian Thompson.

### SCORE BY PERIODS

Columbus	0	2	1	3
Public	1	0	1	2

FIRST PERIOD—1. Public, Matous (Hayes), 14:47. Penalty—Neelans (tripping), 9:59.

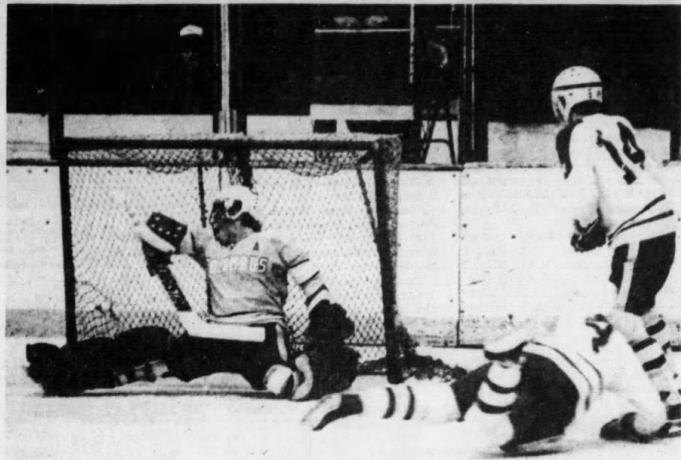
SECOND PERIOD—2. Columbus, Dolan (M. Lanigan), 5:40; 3. Columbus, Long (M. Lanigan), 12:44. Penalties—Martin (elbowing), 6:47; Tyler (tripping), 7:08; Bret Thompson (interference), 9:53; Bret Thompson (tripping), 14:30.

THIRD PERIOD—4. Public, Tyler (Dietz), 1:54; 5. Columbus, D. Fischer (McIntee, Kieftly), 2:00. Penalties—M. Lanigan (charging), 4:14; G. Wilson (roughing), 4:14; Hayes (roughing), 10:17; Martin (roughing), 10:17; Dolan (roughing), 10:17; Dietz (high-sticking), 11:57; Leskun (high-sticking), 11:57; Jackson (slashing), 13:42.

### SHOTS ON GOAL

Columbus	8	9	13	30
Public	6	4	14	34

Officials—Ken Babichuk and Kirk Talbott. A—3,880.



Columbus goalie Scott Boice does the splits to stop a shot during the third period of the Columbus-Waterloo Warrior high school hockey game at

McElroy Auditorium Tuesday night. Warriors at left are defenseman Doug Dietz (4) and forward Jim Tyler (14). Columbus won 3-2.

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