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WATERLOO WARRIORS WIN IOWA HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

The 1983 Iowa High School Hockey Tournament was held at the new Mason City Arena on March 3,4,5, and 6. In the championship game, the Waterloo Warriors defeated last season's champion, Waterloo Columbus, by the score of 5-1. To gain the finals, the Waterloo Warriors defeated West Des Moines Valley 8-2 and Columbus defeated Des Moines Public 8-4. In the consolation final, West Des Moines Valley built a sizeable lead over Des Moines Public and then hung on to win 6-5. Des Moines Public staged a very late comeback with their fifth goal being scored with two seconds remaining in the game. Brian Cook, a sophomore center for the Waterloo Warriors, was selected the most valuable player of the state tournament.

During the regular Iowa High School Hockey League season, the Waterloo Warriors were the dominant team while compiling a 17-1 record. Coach Dave Swick's team was most impressive in their skating and passing skills throughout the season. The Warriors only loss was to West Des Moines Valley. Additionally, after seven consecutive one goal losses to perennial power and cross-town rival, Waterloo Columbus, the Warriors won both regular season games from Columbus as well as the state tournament final. The tradition of a pair of games between the Waterloo Warriors and Shattuck Academy of Faribault, MN., was continued this year. with the Warriors winning both games. Also, the Warriors hosted a holiday tournament in Waterloo with guest teams from Milwaukee, WI, Kansas City, MO, and Omaha, NE.

Des Moines Public (formerly known as Hoover-Roosevelt) enjoyed a very successful season under Coach Leo Doyle. The Black Knights have been steadily_ progressing upwards in league standings over the past few years.

Waterloo Columbus had a number of regulars from last season's championship team graduate. During this year Columbus improved steadily under the guidance of Coach Brian Dutkowski. Columbus won a holiday tournament at Chippewa Falls, WI.

This year the Iowa High School Hockey League initiated a sportsmanship trophy to be given to the team with the least penalty minutes during the regular season. This award was handily won by Columbus.

West Des Moines Valley started the season with eight consecutive wins and at that point was first in league standings. Unfortunately, from mid-January, Coach Julian Nixon's Tigers were hampered by the loss of key players to injury and to moving out of the state.

The Iowa High School Hockey League is very encouraged by two developments - the addition this year of a new team from Dubuque coached by Frank Kukuszka and the opening of the new North Iowa Recreational Arena at Mason City on February 4.

The regular season scoring leader was Scott Dolan of Columbus. Last season, Scott finished third in league scoring. Steve Miller of Valley was second in scoring. Steve was last season's scoring leader and was leading the league in scoring this season until an injury forced him to the sidelines for several games. Third in scoring was Brian Cook of the Waterloo Warriors and fourth was his linemate, Jim Hayes.

Brant Gaede of the Waterloo Warriors repeated his performance of two years ago of maintaining the lowest goals against average throughout the season.