

# DM Public caps rookie season with state title

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Only one of Des Moines Public's two wishes came true as the 9th state high school hockey tournament ended Sunday, but it was the most important wish of a team new to championship hoopla.

Public capped a 19-1 record season with its first state championship, coasting past Urbandale 10-2 at McElroy Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

If getting that first title was sweet, getting it with a first-year team and a first-year coach was sweeter.

Public was the Hoover-Roosevelt team last year, but consolidated again to form the present team and took on Geoff Willson as coach.

"Nothing could be better," said Willson. "This is great. I am surprised we ended the season with just the one loss, but I had so much talent to work with..."

The only thing that could have been sweeter was if Public would have drawn the defending champion Waterloo Warriors in the final, according to Willson.

"We would like to have had Waterloo Public," he said. "It would be a lot more special if we could beat them here to win it."

**THE WARRIORS** dealt Des Moines its only loss this season, a 5-4 setback during the regular Iowa High School Hockey League season, and their absence from Sunday's title game marked the first time a Waterloo team has not competed for the championship in history.

It is also just the second time ever the championship trophy has not called Waterloo its home. Dowling of West Des Moines won it in 1980. Columbus of Waterloo has five state titles, the Warriors two.

Des Moines' high-powered offense dominated the tournament, scoring 35

## 1983-84 All-state team

### GOALTENDERS

John Rosenfeld (Mason City), Matt Haws (DM Public), Scott Geiger (Valley-Dowling).

### DEFENSEMEN

John Moulton (Valley-Dowling), David Beard (Mason City), Matt Matous (Waterloo), Steve Hansen (DM Public), Mike Laird (DM Public), Ed Wilson (Waterloo).

### FORWARDS

Jim Webb (DM Public), Jim Hayes (Waterloo), Troy Johnson (Urbandale), Al Driscoll (DM Public), Tony Ralph (DM Public), Brian Cook (Waterloo), Dick Long (Columbus), Richard Moulton (Valley-Dowling), Steve Cook (Ames).

### HONORABLE MENTION

Warriors: Brad Nielsen, Paul Nelson, Robbie Brown, Columbus: Jon Jasper, Joel Jasper.

### COACH OF YEAR

Noel Erickson (Ames).

goals in three games, and was led by tournament MVP Jim Webb, who had one of two Public hat tricks in Sunday's victory. Webb had a five-goal game Friday in the opening round.

Urbandale's path to the championship included an emotional 7-5 first-round win when the Jayhawks scored four times in the final two minutes and a dramatic 9-8 win over the Warriors in the semifinals Saturday.

**MIKE LAIRD** was the big gun for Des Moines Sunday with a four-goal performance.

Public led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 before Urbandale got on the scoreboard early in the second period. Short-handed goals by Al Driscoll and Webb later in the period virtually sewed up the title.

Urbandale cut the lead to 6-2 with a goal in the first minute of the third period, but Laird and Webb each connected twice more as Des Moines won going away.

"It's great to be on top," Laird exclaimed after the win.

Urbandale was whistled for just one penalty in the championship game,

but Des Moines made the Jayhawks pay with their only power play goal.

Public had six selections to the all-state team and will lose just five players from the current team to graduation. Urbandale's only all-stater was Troy Johnson, who scored one of the two goals Sunday.

## Warriors 7, Ames 4

Waterloo's win in the third-place game was highlighted by a standout performance by a freshman goaltender.

Tony Marchese stepped in when regular Brad Nielsen failed to show up to play and turned in a masterful effort. Nielsen elected to watch the game from the stands.

"Tony played a heck of a game," said Warriors Coach Dave Swick. "He kind of surprised me. It was his first big-game experience."

Marchese had not started a varsity game this season and saw only brief varsity action, that coming during a two-game series against Shattuck Academy of Minnesota.

"We were watching him in warm-ups the other night against Columbus and I had to turn to Terry (assistant coach Hoath) and ask if he was seeing what I was seeing. Tony was kicking and catching everything," Swick added.

With backup Paul Nelson on crutches with a sprained ankle, Marchese got the call Sunday and he met the challenge, making 23 saves and checking Ames on just one goal as the Warriors took a 6-1 lead midway through the third period. Then a teammate got him in trouble.

Ames' John Newell scored 9:13 into the period for a 6-2 game. After the play, Waterloo's Ed Wilson checked Newell into the boards and was whistled for kneeing, roughing, un-

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sportsmanlike conduct and misconduct.

That gave Ames a man-advantage for nearly 5 minutes and the Little Cyclones cashed in twice to make the game interesting. Brian Cook salted it away for the Warriors, however, when he carried the puck in and slammed it home for a short-handed goal with 3:45 left.

## Third place

### Warriors 7, Ames 4

Goal-Tony Marchese, defense-Dan Michelson, Matt Matous, Bill Volkman, Todd Strien, Ed Wilson, Robbie Brown, forwards-Brian Cook, Jim Hayes, Mark Gillard, T.J. Saul, Mark Roethlis, Tyrone Jacoby, Chris Hill, Tim Barts, Eric Runge, Brian Carnes, James Hamman, Darin Gray.

### AMES LINEUP

Goal-Scott Jackson, defense-Brad Hoffman, Jim Anderson, John Russo, Scott Whigham, Don Erbach, forwards-Scott Johnson, Erick Michel, Doug Glick, Steve Cook, Rob Mitchell, Steve Nichol, Jaime Wegha, Bill, Norris, John Newell, Sean McNunn.

## SCORE BY PERIODS

Warriors..... 2 3 2-7  
Ames..... 1 0 3-4  
FIRST PERIOD-1:00: 1:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Matous (interference) 6:14; Matous (holding) 13:47.

SECOND PERIOD-4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Brown (checking from behind) 1:05; Michelson (crossing) 3:15; Hayes (roughing) 8:45; Roethlis (roughing) 8:45; Michelson (cross-checking) 9:41.

THIRD PERIOD-1:00: 2:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Brown (checking from behind) 1:05; Michelson (crossing) 3:15; Hayes (roughing) 8:45; Roethlis (roughing) 8:45; Michelson (cross-checking) 9:41; Saul (kicking, misconduct) 15:00.

## SHOTS ON GOAL

Warriors..... 10 14 5-29  
Ames..... 12 8 7-27  
Officials: Referees-Mitch Morrison and John Cowart; Linesman-Al Larson.

## Fifth place

### Mason City 5, Valley-Dowling 4, OT

Goal-Scott Geiger, defense-Chuck Armstrong, Neal Aspinen, Matt McCoy, John Moulton, Steve George, Mike Lichtenberger, forwards-Scott Krueger, Ryan Anderson, Jay Combs, Mark Templeman, Brad Houch, Shawn Shearer, Gary Anderson, Tim Jones, Brad Settle, Richard Moulton, Jeff Forrester, Jeff Allen.

### MASON CITY LINEUP

Goal-John Rosenfeld, defense-David Raridon, David Beard, Scott Swanson, Matt Pele, Rodney Wilson, Steve Hansen, forwards-Dick Courrier, Dana Despena, Joe Pelt, Chris Steward, Eric Heid, Todd Treen, Paul Pappas, John David Despena, Tom Gregor, Jim Lloyd, Mark Ahrens.

## SCORE BY PERIODS

Valley-Dowling..... 1 2 1 4-4  
Mason City..... 1 2 0 3-5  
FIRST PERIOD-1:00: 2:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-McCoy (slashing) 5:57; Raridon (interference) 8:33.

SECOND PERIOD-1:00: 2:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Steward (slashing) 2:55; Mason City, Dana Despena (Steward) 3:55; Mason City, Steward (Steward) 11:46; Valley-Dowling, R. Moulton (Krueger) 13:47; Mason City, Dana Despena (Beard) 14:36; Penalties-McCoy (checking from behind) 1:48; George (tripping) 10:14; Heid (tripping) 10:56.

THIRD PERIOD-1:00: 2:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Raridon (roughing) 2:26; Moulton (roughing) 3:28; Beard (boarding) 4:48; Heid (holding) 8:32.

## SHOTS ON GOAL

Valley-Dowling..... 11 15 8-34  
Mason City..... 11 12 11-33  
Officials: Referees-Terry Mulroy, Bob Larson; Linesman-Brian Smith.

## Seventh place

### Columbus 5, Dubuque 3

Goal-John Taylor, defense-Tony Becker, Jeff Rino, Craig Becker, Mark Manning, Matt Smith, forwards-Dick Long, Sean Heilman, Grant Wedder, Troy Benson, Mike McGarvey, Joel Jasper, Tony Fischer, Chris Doan, Tom Langton, Tom Slinott, Sean Wirtjes, Andy McGarvey.

### DUBUQUE LINEUP

Goal-Joe Ryder, defense-Dan Bailey, Jeff Kauffman, Hank Oren, Doug Field, Brad Housley, forwards-Greg Meier, Aaron Litchon, Ryan Splinter, Jeff Schell, Marty, Mark Bryan, Greg Kivlahan, Chris Smith, Dick Mally, Rick Ziemmerman, Kelly Smith.

## SCORE BY PERIODS

Columbus..... 2 2 1 5-5  
Dubuque..... 1 1 1 3-5  
FIRST PERIOD-1:00: 2:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Wedder (interference) 9:22; Columbus, J. Taylor (Langton) Benson (interference) 10:00; Dubuque, Ryder (Benson) 11:41; Penalties-Long (checking) 3:55; Field (tripping) 7:12.

THIRD PERIOD-1:00: 2:00: 3:00: 4:00: 5:00: 6:00: 7:00: 8:00: 9:00: 10:00: 11:00: 12:00: Penalties-Ryder (splinter) 1:00; Meier (splinter) 1:23; Penalties-Ryder (crossing) 3:55; Rino (roughing) 4:32; Ryder (roughing) 4:32; Becker (high-sticking) 7:34; Mally (roughing) 7:34; Ryder (checking) 10:42; Becker (holding) 10:51; Bailey (interference) 14:31.

## SHOTS ON GOAL

Columbus..... 17 8 8-33  
Dubuque..... 11 11 11-33  
Officials: Referees-Brian Plath and Rob Larson; Linesman-Rick Kemp.

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