



These 12 returning letterwinners will lead the Waterloo Warriors' attempt to defend the state hockey championship they won last March during the upcoming 1985-86 season. Kneeling in front, from left to right, are Ryan Remling, Tim

Fraze, Del Donaldson, Rob Dietz and Carlos Clayburn. In back, left to right, are Brian Carnes, Marc Gillard, Dan Michelsen, Scott Smith, Erik Runge and Scott Carnes.

Defending champion Warriors have 12 veterans to build around

Waterloo's two high school hockey teams may have lost some key players since last season, but that hasn't dampened any spirits.

The reason for optimism in the camp of the defending state champion Waterloo Warriors is a solid nucleus of 12 returning letterwinners, including several of last year's scoring leaders.

At Columbus, meanwhile, Mike Brown heads into his first season as an Iowa High School Hockey League coach with strong goal-

tending and a group of young, enthusiastic players.

The Warriors have won two of the last three state championships, but if they are to defend the 1984-85 championship they won last March, they'll have to fill a void that has haunted Coach Dave Swick several times during his nine years as coach.

"We're hoping for another Burch to show up," said Swick, referring to Todd Burch, who last year strapped on pads and made a goaltender of himself although he had never played the position before.

"I've been fortunate twice," Swick continued. "Remember Tim Horan? I didn't have a goaltender that year (1980), either, and he came in and did the job for us."

Ironically, there is another Burch in camp in Todd's younger brother Tony, who is battling Scott Ames and Carlos Clayburn for the position.

Otherwise, the Warriors are in good shape with Brian Carnes, Marc Gillard and Del Donaldson leading the offense. All were among the team's top scorers last season. And, Erik Runge, who showed promise as a sophomore, is back after after missing much of last season.

On defense, Scott Smith and 6-foot-2 Danny Michelsen were among the leaders last year when the Warriors were 15-5 overall and 9-3

in the IHSHL and are back for their sophomore and senior seasons, respectively.

The other returnees are forwards Rob Dietz, Ryan Remling, Scott Carnes, Bill Aegeter and Tim Fraze.

Two of the Warriors' leaders from last year, Brian Cook and Rob Brown, are gone and both are playing for the Waterloo Black Hawks in the United States Hockey League. Cook was the state tournament's most valuable player twice and the Warriors' all-time career scoring leader. Brown, a defenseman, passed up his senior season of eligibility to join the Black Hawks.

The Warriors have, however, picked up an unexpected player in Matt Smith, a junior defenseman who played for Columbus last season, but enrolled in the public school system at the start of the cur-

rent school year.

AT COLUMBUS Brown describes his Sailors in a single word — young.

"Of the 21 kids we have out, we've got four seniors," said Brown, who replaces Jim Smith as the Columbus coach.

"We're sticking to the basics and doing a lot of repetitions. We're not trying anything fancy. We have some good skills in the offensive zone but we're not strong enough yet. The kids need to mature and get a little stronger and we'll be fine."

Besides losing Matt Smith to the Warriors, the Sailors lost two of their best players from last year's team to the Black Hawks in defenseman Jon Jasper and forward Todd Benson.

Add the graduation losses of high-scoring forwards Joel Jasper, Jeff Rink and Tony Fis-

cher and Columbus has its work cut out for it this season.

Brown is hoping his goaltending is good enough to keep the Sailors in most of their games while the defense comes of age. Senior Chris Taylor and junior Pat Lanigan split time in the nets last season, but are being challenged by two freshmen this year, giving the Sailors a stable of goaltending talent.

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1984-85 IHSHL Standings

	W	L	T
Ames	9	2	1
Warriors	9	3	0
Columbus	6	5	1
Urbandale	6	6	0
Sioux City	5	7	0
Vall-Dowling	5	7	0
Mason City	1	11	0

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Defensively, the Sailors have Craig Becker and Mark Manning back and Brown will be looking to them for leadership. The top returning forwards are Neal Lanigan, Scott Jasper, Jeff Weidner, Shawn Wirtjes and Andy McGarvey.

BOTH BROWN and Swick see Ames as one of the league favorites. The Little Cyclones, who lost the championship game to the Warriors, 4-3, last March, return almost everyone.

"They're gonna be awfully tough," says Swick.

Brown also considers the Warriors as one of the league favorites.

This year's state tournament is scheduled for Feb. 27-28 in Ames.

State Hockey Tournament

At Des Moines

FIRST ROUND

Ames 9, Sioux City 4
Waterloo Warriors 6, Valley-Dowling 2
Mason City 4, Columbus (Waterloo) 2
Urbandale 6, Sioux City 4

SECOND ROUND

Ames 9, Valley-Dowling 2
Waterloo Warriors 8, Mason City 2
Urbandale 6, Columbus (Waterloo) 2

THIRD ROUND

Waterloo Warriors 8, Sioux City 3
Ames 10, Mason City 1
Urbandale 5, Valley-Dowling 4
Sioux City 4, Columbus 2
Sioux City 1, Mason City 9 (10-minute playoff)

CONSOLATION

Valley-Dowling 4, Columbus 3
Valley-Dowling 4, Mason City 3 (fifth place)

SEMIFINALS

Warriors 8, Sioux City 1
Ames 3, Urbandale 1

CHAMPIONSHIP

Warriors 4, Ames 3

NHL'S BEST

Edmonton's Oilers of the National Hockey League may be best known for their high-scoring attack which has surpassed 400 goals each of the last four seasons behind Wayne Gretzky, Jari Kurri and Paul Coffey. But, the Oilers also featured the best 1-2 goaltending punch in the NHL last season with Grant Fuhr and Andy Moog.

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