

HOCKEY

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Adam Collette, whose 30 goals and 58 total points ranked second in the IHSHL last season. Brett Duncan finished at No. 5 following a 47-point campaign while Tony Roth contributed 34 points and Kent Johnson 21 points.

Ames returns a good corps of veterans, including goaltender John VanBergan and leading scorer Steve Hubsch (29 points).

Mason City lost a lot of scoring, but can build around Adam Clouton (14 goals, 28 points), Eric Harlan (13 goals, 21 points) and goalie Ramy Abujobarah, who finished 7-3 in varsity action with the second-best save percentage (.896).

Dubuque lost several of its big offensive guns, but returns Joey Lenz (28 points) and Chad Remakel (12 goals, 19 points) among several others, and the Omaha Lancers can point to Mike Kempkes (15 goals, 29 points) to lead the scoring parade.

Sioux City has big holes to fill with the loss of nine double-digit scorers and its top two goaltenders from last season.

WATERLOO WARRIORS

Head coach: Mike Brown
1997-98 record: 11-13-2
(All games include JV-varsity doubleheaders with varsity starting times listed)

Nov. 6 — Warriors 2, Ames 1
Nov. 7 — Warriors 7, Ames 2
Nov. 8 — Warriors 3, Dubuque 1
Nov. 14 — Warriors 6, Des Moines Oak Leafs 1
Nov. 15 — Des Moines Capitals 7, Warriors 0
Nov. 20 — Dubuque, 7-45 p.m.
Nov. 21 — Mason City, 7:45 p.m.
Nov. 27 — Des Moines Capitals, 7:45 p.m.
Nov. 28 — at Mason City, 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 18 — Des Moines Oak Leafs, 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 19 — Ames, 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 20 — at Dubuque, 11 a.m.
Dec. 26 — at Chicago Christmas Tournament
Jan. 4 — Ames, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 15 — at Mason City, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 16 — at Des Moines Oak Leafs, 9:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 — at Des Moines Oak Leafs, 12:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 — at Ames, 7:45 p.m.
Jan. 23 — at St. Joseph, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 24 — at St. Joseph, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 5 — Des Moines Capitals, 3 p.m.
Feb. 7 — Mason City, 12:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 — at Des Moines Capitals, 1:30 p.m.

1997-98 standings

East Division	VARSITY					
	W	L	T	Pct.	GF	GA
Des Moines	19	6	1	.750	140	64
Mason City	17	8	1	.673	108	59
Dubuque	2	500	106	.91		
Waterloo	11	13	4	.623	83	88
Ames	3	22	1	.135	68	128
West Division	W	L	T	Pct.	GF	GA
Omaha Gladiators	19	7	0	.731	111	77
Sioux City	8	692	137	.78		
Omaha Lancers	15	10	5	.577	103	78
Kansas City	12	13	1	.481	108	85
St. Joseph	0	26	0	.000	29	257

JUNIOR VARSITY

East Division	JUNIOR VARSITY					
	W	L	T	Pct.	GF	GA
Mason City	20	3	3	.827	104	36
Des Moines	19	6	1	.750	117	35
Waterloo	12	10	4	.538	59	57
Dubuque	8	17	1	.327	50	60
Ames	2	20	4	.154	32	103
West Division	W	L	T	Pct.	GF	GA
Sioux City	20	2	4	.846	136	61
Kansas City	17	3	6	.769	96	40
Omaha Lancers	8	17	3	.365	72	72
Omaha Gladiators	8	16	2	.345	53	87
St. Joseph	1	23	2	.077	27	158

Feb. 20 — at Lincoln, 5:40 p.m.
Feb. 21 — at Lincoln, 9 a.m.
Feb. 28 — Omaha Gladiators, 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 27 — Omaha Gladiators, 7:45 p.m.
March 5 — Junior varsity state tournament at Sioux City
March 12-14 — Varsity state tournament at Sioux City

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS (10) — Chad Cutforth, 6; Bob Brady, 1; Ryan Shaw, 1; Corey Wray, 1; Jeff Smith, 1; Clark, 1; Bryce, 1; Anderson, 1; Mike Messner, 1; Blake Marshall, 2; Jim Schell, 1.

IHSHL composite schedule

Nov. 6 — Waterloo 2, Ames 1. Des Moines Oak Leafs at Waterloo; Mason City at Dubuque.
Nov. 7 — Des Moines Capitals 4, Ames 2. Waterloo 7, Dubuque 0. Omaha Lancers 3, Mason City 2. Sioux City 8, St. Joseph 2.
Nov. 8 — Waterloo 3, Dubuque 1. Mason City 4, Omaha Lancers 3. OT. Sioux City 11, St. Joseph 1.
Nov. 13 — at Mason City at Dubuque; Lincoln at Ames.
Nov. 14 — Omaha Lancers at St. Joseph; Lincoln at Sioux City; Ames at Kansas City; Des Moines Oak Leafs at Waterloo; Mason City at Dubuque.
Nov. 15 — Ames at Kansas City; Waterloo at Des Moines Capitals; Omaha Lancers at St. Joseph; Lincoln at Ames.
Nov. 20 — Mason City at Des Moines Oak Leafs; Dubuque at Waterloo; Sioux City at Omaha Gladiators; Nov. 21 — Des Moines Capitals at Lincoln; Kansas City at Des Moines Oak Leafs; Dubuque at St. Joseph; Mason City at Waterloo; Sioux City at Omaha Gladiators.
Nov. 22 — Des Moines Capitals at Lincoln; Kansas City at Des Moines Oak Leafs; Dubuque at St. Joseph; Omaha Gladiators at Omaha Lancers.
Nov. 27 — Ames at Mason City; Des Moines Capitals at Dubuque; Des Moines Oak Leafs at Waterloo.
Nov. 28 — Des Moines Capitals at Ames; Des Moines Oak Leafs at Dubuque; Waterloo at Mason City; St. Joseph at Lincoln.
Nov. 29 — at St. Joseph at Lincoln.
Dec. 9 — Des Moines Capitals at Mason City; Sioux City at Omaha Lancers.
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Waterloo Warriors coach Mike Brown gives some instructions to a pair of unidentified players during a recent practice session.

Two new tears join prep ice loop

By DOUG NEIHOFF
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The Iowa High School Hockey League has grown this season with the addition of a new team from Lincoln, Neb., and a second Des Moines team. For the 12 teams now competing in both the varsity and junior varsity divisions, that means changes in scheduling and in the state tournament format.

League members are divided into two divisions with Ames, Dubuque, the Des Moines Capitals, the Des Moines Oak Leafs, Mason City and Waterloo in the East while Kansas City, Lincoln, the Omaha Gladiators, the Omaha Lancers, St. Joseph and Sioux City comprising the West.

They'll play 20 games within their own divisions and six crossover games, but not all carry the same weight. Only games within each division count toward state tournament qualifications.

Four teams from each division will get the chance at the end of the year to play for the tournament championship, but the host team gets an automatic berth. This year, that means St. Joseph. They'll participate in another match that it finds in the regular-season standings, leaving just three other spots for the West Division.

The greater emphasis on divisional play also means not every team gets the chance to play everyone else during the regular season. Waterloo, for example, has two-game crossover series against St. Joseph, Lincoln and the Gladiators, and will not see Sioux City, Kansas City or the Lancers.

It's a fact of life the evolving league will have to live with or now, says Warriors coach Mike Brown. "The league is in transition," he says. "We play a lot of games in November, but then we play just one weekend in December. We may have to try to pick up some games in December just to keep playing."

But he's worried all it's a quick start this season, winning three divisional games on opening weekend. "The key to sustaining that success, says the veteran coach, will be stinging defense in front of freshman goalkeepers Tony Kerkus and Zach Goodell, along with increased scoring.

"I think defensively, and as far as stopping packs, we'll be decent," says Brown. "But we've got to score some goals."

Elsewhere in the league, the Des Moines Capitals and Omaha Gladiators return the most frequently. Des Moines has 14 players who saw a lot of variety last year as they split the chance to play everyone else during the regular season.

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