

# Metro icers play Capitals in home opener

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The Sioux City Metros have a distinctly different look in 2001-02.

The top four scorers and top two goaltenders from last season are no longer with the team as coaches Jim Peck and Jeff Gray begin a reconstruction project after the team when 16-11-1 in 2000-01.

The Metros opened the Iowa High School Hockey League season last weekend at Mason City, suffering 4-3 and 2-1 setbacks.

Today and Sunday, the Metros open the home campaign, hosting the Des Moines Capitals at the IBP Ice Center. Varsity afternoon matinees each day are slated for 3:30 p.m. starts with junior varsity games at 1 p.m.

Ben Deck (22 goals, 26 assists), Corey Mozak (16, 12), Ricky Neuman (7, 18) and Brian Swanson (8, 11) accounted for 120 of Sioux City's 209 points last season, but have finished prep competition.

The top returning scorers are Kyle Rogers, a centerman, and Andy Vogt. Rogers had 12 goals and 18 points last season and Vogt had four goals and eight points.

Cody Muir, Rick Chartier, Sam Schweigert, Cameron Newell and Alex Lyle also have some forward seasoning, along with James Davies, a senior at Heelan.

Vogt is a senior at Heelan and Rogers, a sophomore, lives in Yankton, S.D. Vogt just finished the football season and is counted on for immense help when he returns to the ice next week.

The goaltenders of last season, Ryan Dohrmann (7-5-1) and Ross Patrick (9-6-0) are also gone. Beau Erickson, a sophomore at Hinton High School, and Travis Shoemaker worked in goal on the opening weekend in Mason City. Shoemaker will start today's game.

Defensively, Aaron Linoges, Mike Anshen and Casey Mills will be the anchors. "We're kind of starting from scratch with the defense, but the kids are working hard," said Peck.

This season, the IHSHL has revamped its format, ditching divisional play.

In 2001-02, each team will play a 33-game schedule, playing every team three times. The top eight varsity and top eight junior varsity teams will qualify for their respective state tournaments.

The varsity state tournament is in Dubuque March 1-3 and JV state tourney is in Waterloo March 8-10.

Parity marked the first weekend of the season with 14 of 28 games decided by a goal and three games by two goals.

Along with Sioux City, teams in the league this season are Ames, Des Moines Capitals, Des Moines Oak Leafs, Dubuque, Kansas City, Lincoln, Mason City, Omaha Gladiators, Omaha Jr. Lancers and the league's newest franchise, Quad City, beginning its second season in the league.

## WEEKEND SCORES

Scoutmaster: Beau Erickson, 5-10, 100, wgt., wgt.; Travis Shoemaker, 5-10, 100, w., wgt. Ryan Dohrmann, 5-10, 100, j., East.

Forward: Travis Muir, 5-8, 140, w., West; Cody Muir, 5-10, 150, j., West; Eddie Neuman, 5-7, 130, wgt., East; Kyle Rogers, 5-7, 175, wgt., Western, 5-8; Kyle Jacobson, 5-11, 140, wgt., North; Alex Lyle, 5-8, 175, w., North; James Davies, 5-10, 180, w., Heelan; Jack Brooks, 5-8, 180, j., East; Alex Lohman, 5-8, 130, wgt., Heelan; Chris Schweigert, 5-7, 125, j., North; Cameron Newell, 5-8, 180, w., West; Chris Deck, 5-8, 140, wgt., North; James Vogt, 5-8, 150, j., North; Dave Bates, 5-7, 135, w., West; Andy Vogt, 5-8, 185, w., Heelan; Sam Schweigert, 5-8, 140, j., North; Jack Jacobson, 5-7, 150, j., North; Sioux City: Chance Morris, 5-7, 130, wgt., North; Dan Holmquist, 5-8, 180, j., North; Omaha: Kristian, 5-7, 135, j., Bergman; Matt: David Linoges, 5-7, 140, w., West.

Defense: Ben Swanson, 5-8, 150, j., North; Mike Anshen, 5-10, 180, w.; North; Jon Seely, 5-10, 140, j., East; Bobby Murphy, 5-8, 180, j., North; Jack Kumpke, 5-8, 180, j., North; Aaron Linoges, 5-8, 150, j., West; Brad Swanson, 5-10, 210, wgt., North.

Goaltender: Rick Chartier, 5-11, 180, j., North; Casey Muir, 5-8, 180, w., North; David Bates, 5-7, 135, wgt., North; Andrew Gladiators, 5-8, 180, wgt., North.