

Duke takes final bow



Dutkowski

Two Waterloo head coaching positions were open Tuesday.

Brian (Duke) Dutkowski will take his final bow as Columbus of Waterloo hockey coach when the school honors its state championship team at an assembly at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Also, the Waterloo board of education Monday night accepted the resignation of Central Waterloo Coach Neil Jones from the head football coaching position.

Dutkowski, who installed Waterloo's first high school hockey program three years ago at Columbus, and Jones will remain as teachers. Jones also remains assistant wrestling coach at Central.

"I'm just tired," Dutkowski said. "It's been a long season. It's about time I spent more time with my family. I made this decision about three months ago."

Dutkowski's teams have won the state championship all three seasons. He resigned the summer baseball coaching position a year ago.

"We'll miss him as a coach," said Rev. Walter Brunkan, the Columbus principal. "He had a great rapport with the kids."

No decision has been made on a successor, Brunkan added. He said, however, that Dutkowski's assistant, Mark Mahoney, a former Iowa State University hockey goalie whose home is Oelwein, is a logical candidate for the post.

Mahoney is in his second year here.

Central, which has not won a game in two years, will start next fall with its third new head coach in three years. Jones took over last fall from Larry Thompson who resigned after one year to accept an assistant coaching position at Duke University.