



Columbus' Mark Lanigan (3) drives on the Waterloo goal as goalie Tim Horan spreads his eagles and Eric Van Pelt (11) races in on

defense Tuesday night. Columbus won the Waterloo city series hockey game 4-3 at McElroy Auditorium.

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Columbus hockey victory drops Warriors from lead

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Once again, a Columbus-Waterloo Public Iowa High School Hockey League game has surpassed its advanced billing. The record crowd of 3,144 which attended Tuesday night's battle between the league's top two teams saw the Sailors knock Public out of first place with its second one-goal intra-city win of the year, 4-3.

"What a dandy!" exclaimed Columbus coach Duke Dutkowsky. "There were two super hockey teams out there tonight that play a really great game."

"A game like this is the best thing that can happen to high school hockey."

Tuesday night's attendance at the Public home game is the best in the five-year history of Iowa high school hockey. It is also the first time in several years that a hockey game in Waterloo has drawn over 3,000 fans.

Public coach Dave Swick echoed Dutkowsky's praises.

"It was another great game between these two teams," said Swick. "We played well and they played well."

The Sailors, who edged Public 5-4 in

overtime in the teams' other meeting this season, are now 13-3 in the IHSHL. Public slips to 12-3.

COLUMBUS' ONE-GOAL margin came during man-advantage situations despite the fact the Sailors were whistled for 10 more penalty minutes than Public.

Columbus, which had 14 minutes in penalties to Public's four, scored on one man-advantage situation and once when it was a man short while Public managed one power play marker.

Jeff Jasper scored over a downed Public goaltender Tim Horan 2:18 into the game to put the Sailors on the scoreboard first. The rest of the penalty-free opening stanza was scoreless.

The Sailors went up 2-0 on a power play goal six and one-half minutes into the second period. John Davis deflected Mark Lanigan's slap shot from the left point into the net.

Mike Messerer opened Public's scoring just over three minutes later while the Warriors had a five-to-three edge in skaters over the Sailors.

Messerer rifled a high-slap shot past goalie Scott Boice.

The Warriors were at least one man up

for almost four minutes midway through the second, but could only capitalize that one time.

A brilliant individual effort by Steve

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COLUMBUS LINEUP
Goal—Scott Boice; defense—Jeff Takin, Mark Lanigan, Tom Hingert, Dunn Smitch, Dennis Hansen, Jeff Boenig, Tim Norey; forwards—Greg Dennis, Scott Davis, Jeff Lanigan, Mike Lamb, Todd Jacoby, Larry LaPierre, Craig Sebring, Steve Kommyer, Mike Messerer, Jim Naylor.

PUBLIC LINEUP
Goal—Tim Horan; defense—Mike Krathmer, Doug Dietz, Max Lamb, Greg White, Eric Van Pelt; forwards—John Davis, Mike Lamb, Tim Horan, Mike LaPierre, Lorenzen, Tim Welsh, Mike Lamb, Todd Jacoby, Larry LaPierre, Craig Sebring, Steve Kommyer, Mike Messerer, Jim Naylor.

SCORE BY PERIODS
Columbus 1 2 3 4
Public 0 2 1 3

FIRST PERIOD—1. Columbus, Jasper (unassisted). 2:18. Penalties—none.

SECOND PERIOD—2. Columbus, Davis (Mark Lanigan, Tom Hingert, Dunn Smitch, White, Hingert, 9:52). 4. Public, Kommyer (unassisted). 11:54. 5. Columbus, Morgan (Mark Lanigan). 13:22. Penalties—Naylor (high sticking), 14:10. 6. Columbus, Boenig (unassisted). 7:05. Columbus (too many men on ice) 9:38. Columbus bench 9:28. Mike Lamb (slashing), 11:04. B. Morgan (unassisted). 13:25. Columbus, Naylor (high sticking).

THIRD PERIOD—1. Columbus, J. Lamb (Hansen). 2:40. 7. Public, Jacoby (Van Pelt). 3:15. Penalties—B. Morgan (hooking). 10:07. Jasper (high sticking). 13:29.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Columbus 10 10 9—29

Public 8 8 9—25

OFFICIALS—OIH, Mahonovuk and Ken Babichuk, referees. Kirk Talbott, linesman.

A—3,144

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Kammeyer two minutes after Messerer's score knotted the game up at 2-2.

Kammeyer poke-checked the puck loose from a Sailor play at mid-ice, outskated a defenseman to it and blasted a high slapper past Boice as both teams were skating a man short.

COLUMBUS TOOK the lead to stay before the period ended while they had a one-man deficit.

Matt Morgan backhanded the puck into the open net after Horan had come out and stopped a Mark Lanigan breakaway.

Sophomore Jeff Lamb, a member of last year's Public team who transferred to Columbus this season, notched the game-winner 2:40 into the third period.

That gave Columbus a brief 4-2 lead.

Todd Jacoby scored from in close just 35 seconds later to put Public back to within one, 4-3, with 11:45 left.

But Public couldn't tie it up despite having a man advantage for a total of 3:31 of the closing five minutes.

"We killed penalties well, that's for sure," said Dutkowsky. "And Scott made some great saves. He's a beautiful goalie."

"I wish we could have played better in places," said Swick. "We didn't move the puck around like we can. We didn't make the plays when we needed them. But how much of that was due to the way Columbus was playing?"

"I think the kids may have been too emotionally high for the game, but then Columbus faced the same situation," Swick pointed out.

"They've won most of the close ones in this series. That may have been a psychological edge for them."

DUTKOWSKI REMAINS undefeated against Public.

Public's only victories over Columbus came last year when they swept all three intra-city games.

Dutkowsky retired after three straight state championships but returned this year after his successor, Mark Mahoney, quit after the one season.

What can the two teams do for an encore?

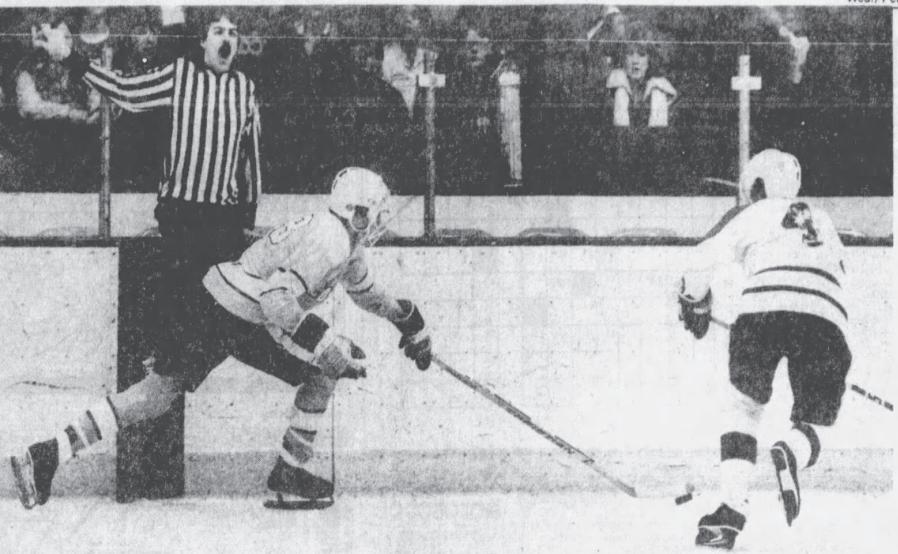
Well, the only time they can meet again this year is in the state tournament at McElroy.

If they hold on to the top two spots in the IHSHL standings, they'll be in opposite brackets in the state meet. Then, a pair of wins by both teams would make the March 9 title game an all-Waterloo affair.

After Tuesday's continuation of the rivalry, that seems only fitting.

Public will try to get back on the winning track with two more home games this weekend—Friday night against Dowling of Des Moines and Saturday night against Ames.

The Sailors host Dowling Thursday, Feb. 28.



Columbus High's Steve McIntee drives along the boards as defenseman Doug Dietz (4) of

Waterloo Public covers and linesman Kirk Talbott scrambles to get out of the way during

the Columbus-Public hockey game at McElroy Auditorium Tuesday night.

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