

Columbus skaters under new coach Jimmy Smith

For only the second time in the history of the Iowa state high school hockey tournament, the championship trophy does not belong to one of Waterloo's two teams.

In fact, for the first time in history, Waterloo did not have a representative in the finals where Des Moines Public defeated Urbandale last winter for the state title.

Since the state tournament began in 1976, Columbus of Waterloo won titles in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1982. Waterloo's Warriors captured the championship in 1980 and 1983. Now, the task at hand is for one of the teams to return it to Waterloo.

Both Columbus and the Warriors head into the 1984-85 season with a stable of returning talent. Columbus returns 17 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 8-13 overall and 6-10 in the Iowa High School Hockey League.

Included are brothers Joel and Jon Jasper, both named all-state honorable mention a year ago. Joel is the top returning scorer while Jon anchors the defense for the Sailors.

The Sailors will also have a new coach at the helm in Jim Smith, a former Waterloo Black Hawks player. He'll be assisted by Mike Brown, who has served as co-coach of the Black Hawks' United States Hockey League team in the past.

Comparatively, Smith



Jimmy Smith

will have fewer players to work with than his Warriors counterpart, Dave Swick. Of Smith's 25 players, however, 17 are lettermen.

The Sailors would appear to be sound defensively with junior Jon Jasper and senior Jeff Rink leading the way. And, goaltenders Pat Lanigan and Chris Taylor, who split time in the nets last season, both return. Lanigan will be a sophomore and Taylor is now a junior.

In all, just seven of the Sailors are seniors—Joel Jasper, Rink, Tony Fischer, Tom Lanigan, Mike McGarvey, Tom Sinnott and Dennis Fry.

The Warriors, meanwhile, have 32 players on the varsity roster and eight of their top 11 scorers from last season back among at least 13 players returning who saw regular action. The leading returning scorer is senior Brian Cook (25 goals, 26 assists), a first-team all-stater in 1983-84.

Other players back in-

clude Eric Runge (28 points), Brian Carnes (24 points), T.J. Saul (22 points), Tim Bartz (21 points), Rob Brown (15 points), Dan Michelsen (14 points) and Tyrone Jacoby (13 points). Brown was an honorable mention choice for the all-state team.

The Warriors biggest problem, it would seem, is to find a goaltender to fill the shoes of Brad Nielsen and Paul Nelson, who played their last season.

Columbus opens its IHSLL season Nov. 16 at Valley-Dowling while the Warriors begin league play the same evening in Mason City.

The IHSLL will be a seven-team league this season. Dubuque has dropped its high school hockey program and Des Moines Public, the 1983-84 state champion, has combined with runnerup Urbandale.

Final 1983-84 Standings

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Public (Des Moines).....	15	1
Waterloo Warriors.....	12	4
Urbandale.....	9	7
Mason City.....	9	7
Ames.....	9	7
Valley-Dowling.....	9	7
Columbus (Waterloo).....	6	10
Sioux City.....	3	13
Dubuque.....	0	16

Waterloo Warriors

Head coach: Dave Swick, Sr.
1983-84 record: 19-4
Nov. 10-11—at Kansas City (exhibition)
Nov. 16-17—at Mason City Jambooree
Nov. 23—at Valley (West Des Moines)
Nov. 24-25—JV at Omaha
Nov. 29—at Mason City
Dec. 4—Columbus
Dec. 14—at Sioux City
Dec. 15—at Sioux City
Dec. 21—Exhibition TBA

Dec. 27-28-29—Warriors Holiday Tournament

Jan. 4—at Urbandale
Jan. 11—Mason City
Jan. 25—Urbandale
Jan. 26—at Ames
Feb. 2-3—at Omaha
Feb. 8—Valley
Feb. 22—Ames
Feb. 26—at Columbus (Waterloo)
March 1-3—at State Tournament (Des Moines)

Columbus Sailors

Head coach: Jim Smith
1983-84 record: 8-13
Nov. 16—at Valley-Dowling
Nov. 23—Dubuque
Nov. 24—at Mason City
Nov. 30—Sioux City
Dec. 4—at Waterloo Warriors
Dec. 14—Urbandale
Dec. 22—at Dubuque
Dec. 27-28—at Chippewa Falls, Wis. Tournament
Jan. 4—Ames
Jan. 12—at Sioux City
Jan. 13—at Omaha
Jan. 18—Valley-Dowling
Jan. 25—at Ames
Feb. 3—at Urbandale
Feb. 9-10—at LaCrosse, Wis. Tournament
Feb. 14—Mason City
Feb. 26—Waterloo Warriors
March 1-3—at State Tournament (Des Moines)

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS (17)—Craig Becker, Todd Benson, Chris Dotan, Tony Fischer, Dennis Fry, Joel Jasper, Jon Jasper, Pat Lanigan, Tom Lanigan, Mark Manning, Andy McGarvey, Mike McGarvey, Jeff Rink, Tom Sinnott, Matt Smith, Chris Taylor, Sean Wittjes.

State Gymnastics

Team Standings

1. Clinton 172.40; 2. Linn-Mar 170.85; 3. Dav. Assumption 164.95; 4. Mason City 161.70; 5. Marshalltown 160.70; 6. Cedar Falls 150.40

Individual Winners

FLOOR EXERCISE—1. Deb Bryant (DM Hoover) 9.60
PARALLEL BARS—1. Bryant (DM Hoover) 9.45
VAULTING—1. Bryant (DM Hoover) 9.20
BALANCE BEAM—1. Kris Marli (Dav. West) 9.25
TUMBLING—1. Mindy Taylor (DeWitt Central) 9.55
OVERALL—1. Marli (Dav. West) 36.85; 2. Patty Johnson (Clinton) 34.85; 3. Karen Whitmore (Marshalltown) 34.40

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