

Warriors put it together for 3rd state hockey championship

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DES MOINES—Waterloo's Warriors may have had their moments of mediocrity this hockey season, but they brought none of them to the 1985 state high school hockey tournament here.

Five times the Warriors took the ice at the Des Moines Ice Arena. Four times they blew their opponent away. The fifth time, they retrieved the state champion label they lost last year by defeating Ames 4-3 in a crisp, hard-fought battle for the 1985 crown.

And, the Warriors returned the championship trophy to Waterloo, where it has almost established a permanent home. In 10 years of the Iowa state high school tournament, a Waterloo team has won the crown eight times. The Warriors' title, their second in three years, was their third overall to go with five Columbus has garnered.

The new state champ will be remembered as a team that lived up to its potential and as a team that rose to the occasion.

Back in early November, the Warriors were without a serious goal-tending candidate when Todd Burch stepped to the front and declared that

he could do the job. And though he had never played the position before, he proved himself right.

"IT'S ALMOST unbelievable a kid can step in like that and carry you through," said Coach Dave Swick of the senior who played almost every minute of the season in the nets for the Warriors.

"He never even had pads on until the second week of the season. That's a position where you need experience."

Burch's goals-against average for five state tournament games was 2.2, but perhaps his biggest moment came during the third period of Sunday night's title game. Robbie Brown had scored minutes earlier to give Waterloo a 4-3 lead when, with 8:37 to play, Burch made a series of three big saves, including one off his chest, to preserve the lead. That, it seemed, took the fight out of the regular-season champion Little Cyclones and they never seriously threatened again.

Of course there were other stars. The Warriors' defensive corps was nothing short of brilliant, badgering Ames all evening long and allowing the Little Cyclones a meager 18 shots on net.

"Our defensemen haven't played

Sunday's results

CONSOLATION

Valley-Dowling 4, Columbus 3
Valley-Dowling 4, Waterloo 3 (7th place)
Urbandale 4, Sioux City 3 (7th place)

SEMIFINALS

Warriors 4, Sioux City 2
Ames 3, Urbandale 2

CHAMPIONSHIP

Warriors 4, Ames 3

as well as they did tonight," said Swick.

Leading the way were all-state selections Dan Michelsen and Brown, both of whom will be back next season.

"We've had as good a single defenseman before," said Swick. "But we've never had so good a pair...so big and strong. And their attitudes have been so good. They deserve to be all-stars."

The Warriors also had several young players step forward to fill important roles during a season that sometimes appeared to be heading anywhere but to a championship.

"We had some good games and some bad games during the season," said Swick. "Sometimes, I wondered if we were gonna make it. But the last two weeks, I started thinking maybe we could win it: Delmar (Donaldson) started scoring goals and (Ryan) Remling started scoring goals."

"And we got a good performance out of our seniors. No matter how

good the young kids play, the seniors still have to do their job."

BRIAN COOK, named the most valuable player for 1985 as he was when the Warriors won the 1983 title, Tim Bartz and T.J. Saul took care of the leadership roles. Cook, unofficially, finished with 20 state tournament points—eight goals and 12 assists. Bartz added three goals and nine assists. Saul pitched in with six goals and three assists.

When you put all those individual efforts together, you have a team performance.

"The last couple of weeks, they've been patting each other on the back and racing to center ice ready to play," said Swick. "I think we have finally become a team."

Assistant Coach Terry Hoath put his finger on one game that might have made the difference for the Warriors.

"I think the Columbus game turned us around," said Hoath. That was an 8-1 Warrior win in the season finale that avenged an earlier loss to the Sailors. More importantly, it came on the heels of a 9-5 loss to Ames for the regular season Iowa

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High School Hockey League championship the week before.

Sunday's title game, itself, pitted the tournament's top two scoring teams, but turned into a defensive battle.

A rare mixup on defense left Steve Cook alone in front of the net and his shot set hit Burch and trickled through to give the Little Cyclones a 1-0 lead that stood up through the first period. Ames had just four shots on net during that span.

Doug Glock made it 2-0 4-24 into the second with a tough area shot before the Warriors got on the board with Bartz's power play goal at 6:45.

THEN, WITH four seconds left in the period, Cook took off on a breakaway and was dragged down by John Newell, who drew a holding penalty. That meant Waterloo began the third period with 1:56 of power play and an excellent chance to tie the game.

As it turned out, the Warriors needed just 37 of the period to draw even. They won the third period faceoff. Michelsen shoved the puck ahead to Cook who hit Brian Carnes on the fly down left wing. Carnes blasted it home and the Warriors had new life.

Just 2:14 later, Remling stuffed the rebound of a Cook shot back in to give Waterloo its first lead in the game, 3-2, but 1:35 later, Glock tied it for Ames.

That set the stage for Brown's game winner. Marc Gillard flipped the puck out to Brown at the point of the attack and he cranked up a long slapshot that, with the help of a teammate's screen, blew past Jackson for the decisive score.

The Warriors' last step to the finals was Sunday morning's 6-1 win over Sioux City Ames, meanwhile, struggled to defeat Urbandale 3-2 in the semis.

Those matchups would have been reversed were it not for a move Swick made in the final game Saturday. By the tournament format, a set of tiebreakers came into play after Ames, Waterloo and Urbandale blitzed through the prelims with 140 records. The first tiebreaker was head-to-head play in the tournament, but none of the teams had played each other.

THE SECOND tie-breaker was goal differential, with a stipulation. The winning team could get credit for only a five-point victory at most. Going into the third preliminary game, Ames had one five-point win and a three-point win. The Warriors had a four-point win and a five-point win. And, with his team leading by four in its third game, Swick wisely pulled his goaltender with 15 seconds left. Tyrone Jacoby made the move pay off when he scored with 03 showing giving the Warriors a five-point win and the top seed in Sunday's play regardless of how Ames came up in its final prelim.

As for Columbus, which was third

during the regular IHSHL season, it was a humbling, if not shocking, experience here.

The Sailors, the same team that owned a victory over the Warriors and a tie against Ames, failed to win a game here, bowing 4-3 to Valley-Dowling Sunday Morning when the Tigers scored the game's last three goals, including the winner with 1:38 to play.

Championship

Warriors 4, Ames 3

AMES LINEUP

Goal—Scott Jacoby; Defense—Mike Ryan, Eric Dwyer, Greg Suter, Steve Martin, Scott Whigham, Don Erbach; Forwards—Bob Fischer, Steve Schick, Steve Wurback, James White, Bill Harris, Jeff Johnson, John Havel, Don Hutchins, Doug Gluck, Steve Cook.

WARRIORS LINEUP

Goal—Todd Cook; Defense—Bryan Owen, Don Michelsen, Jim Bartz, Scott Smith, Dave LaGrange, Tommaso-Brian Cook, Don Donaldson, Brian Gillard, Ryan Remling, T.J. Saul, Tyrone Jacoby, Tim Bartz, Brian Carnes, Tom Krasa, Bob Cook, Scott Carnes, Steve Borch, JIM KASAS.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Ames... 1 | 1-0
Warrior... 2 | 3-2
FIRST PERIOD—1 Ames, Cook (Newell) 1:24
JACKSON
SECOND PERIOD—2 Ames, Gluck (Johnson) 4:34, 5:31
Warrior, Bartz (Cook) 5:45
Penalty—Fisher (Urbandale) 1:24, Bartz (Urbandale) 12:44
THIRD PERIOD—4 Warriors, B. Carnes (Cook, Michelsen) 8:11, Remling (Cook) 11:11, Ames (Gluck) (Urbandale) 12:30, Michelsen (Urbandale) 12:58
Penalty—Newell

SHOTS ON GOAL

Ames... 11 | 8-10
Warrior... 17 | 14-10-3

Semifinals

Warriors 4, Sioux City 2

SIOUX CITY LINEUP

Goal—Patrick O'Connell; Defense—Kevin R. Seaton, Eric Rupp, Mike McCormick, LeAnn Reynolds, O'Brien, Langer, Langer, Scott.

WARRIORS LINEUP

Goal—Burt Johnson; Defense—Bartz, Smith, LaGrange, Tommaso-Brian Cook, Donaldson, Gillard, Remling, Saul, Jacoby, Bartz, Carnes, Frank, Chris, J. Carnes, Paul, Krasa.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Sioux City... 1 | 0-1
Warrior... 2 | 2-2-2
FIRST PERIOD—1 Warriors, B. Carnes (Cook) 1:24
Warrior, Bartz (Cook) 5:45
Sioux City, Ernests (Bartz) 9:14
SECOND PERIOD—4 Warriors, Michelsen (Lorenson) 4:45, 5:31
Warrior, Gillard (Smith) 8:11, 8:51
Warrior, Saul (B. Carnes, Bartz) 10:25
Penalty—Jacoby (Doug Hill) 12:58
THIRD PERIOD—2 Warriors, Cook (Langer) 2:22, 4:31
Warrior, Jacoby (Bartz, Michelsen) 2:28, 4:31
Warrior, Bartz (Cook) 7:21
Penalty—Ernests (Urbandale) 1:24, Bartz (Urbandale) 12:30
SHOTS ON GOAL

Sioux City... 11 | 8-10
Warrior... 13 | 10-11-2

Consolation

Valley-Dowling 4, Columbus 3

VALLEY-DOWLING LINEUP

Goal—Scott Jacoby; Defense—Mike Ryan, Eric Dwyer, Greg Suter, Steve Martin, Scott Whigham, Don Erbach, Steve Wurback, James White, Bill Harris, Jeff Johnson, John Havel, Don Hutchins, Doug Gluck, Steve Cook.

COLUMBUS LINEUP

Goal—Tyrone Jacoby; Defense—Bryan Owen, Don Michelsen, Jim Bartz, Scott Smith, Dave LaGrange, Tommaso-Brian Cook, Don Donaldson, Brian Gillard, Ryan Remling, T.J. Saul, Tyrone Jacoby, Tim Bartz, Brian Carnes, Tom Krasa, Bob Cook, Scott Carnes, Steve Borch, JIM KASAS.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Valley-Dowling... 1 | 2-4
FIRST PERIOD—Columbus 1, Langer (Brown) 3:14
SECOND PERIOD—Valley-Dowling 3, Columbus 1, Langer (Brown) 4:34, 5:31
Warrior, Bartz (Cook) 5:45
Penalty—Fisher (Urbandale) 1:24, Bartz (Urbandale) 12:44
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Penalty—Newell

SHOTS ON GOAL

Valley-Dowling... 11 | 8-10
Columbus... 11 | 10-10-3

1985 All-State Team

FIRST TEAM

Goal—Tyrone Jacoby
Defense—Bryan Owen, Don Michelsen, Jim Bartz, Scott Smith, Dave LaGrange, Tommaso-Brian Cook, Don Donaldson, Brian Gillard, Ryan Remling, T.J. Saul, Tyrone Jacoby, Tim Bartz, Brian Carnes, Tom Krasa, Bob Cook, Scott Carnes, Steve Borch, JIM KASAS.

HONORABLE MENTION

COLUMBUS—Tom Krasa, Bob Cook, Scott Carnes, Steve Borch, JIM KASAS.
VALLEY-DOWLING—Mike Ryan, Eric Dwyer, Greg Suter, Steve Martin, Scott Whigham, Don Erbach, Steve Wurback, James White, Bill Harris, Jeff Johnson, John Havel, Don Hutchins, Doug Gluck, Steve Cook.