

Wehr scores two goals in prep All-Star game

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Sophomore Brian Wehr of Waterloo Columbus scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Green team to a 9-3 triumph over the White team in the second annual Iowa High School Hockey League All-Star game Wednesday night at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

The event featured 30 of the top prep hockey players in the state chosen from the seven-club IHSHL and randomly split into two teams.

The Green team grabbed a 2-0 advantage in the first period on goals by Joe Comes of Valley-Dowling and Chris Steward of Mason City. Steward's goal came off a drop pass in front of the net from Mohawk teammate Matt Pete.

After the Green squad built a 4-0 lead, Marc Gillard of Waterloo Public, the league's leading scorer, tallied for the White team 11 minutes 45 seconds into the second period. But Wehr answered by taking the puck the length of the rink to score unassisted with 52 seconds remaining in the period.

Wehr scored again midway through the third period as the Green team put in four more goals, while allowing two by the White team.

Pete netted a goal and two assists and Kelly Feltkether of Urbandale collected three assists for the Green squad, while Sioux City teammates Chris Swanson and Todd Coyle each scored once.

IHSHL President Ross Brown of

Cedar Falls said the event showcases the league's most talented players for visiting United States Hockey League and college coaches, and other scouts and recruiters.

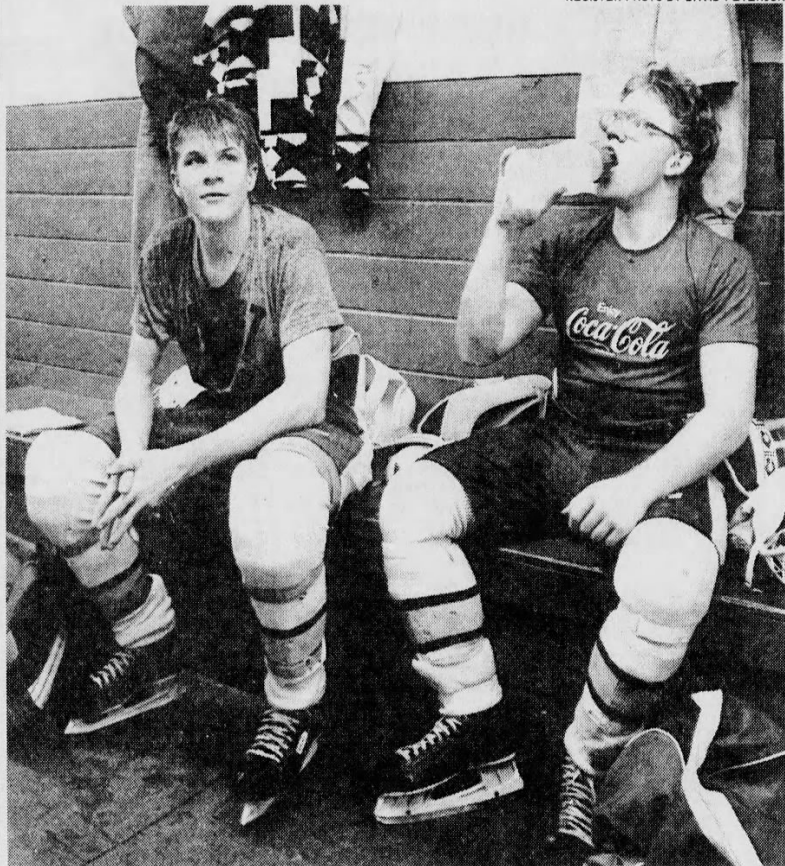
"But it is also a way to recognize and honor the players for all the hard work and hustle they put out to play hockey. It's a worthwhile activity for them in spite of the expense involved," Brown said.

While high school hockey is growing in popularity in the five major cities (Des Moines, Mason City, Sioux City, Waterloo, Ames) in which it's played, expansion throughout Iowa is not likely due to its costs, Brown said. Hockey is a club sport at all the schools participating in the league, which is in the midst of its 12th season.

The Green squad was coached by Dave Swick of Waterloo Public, while Noel Erickson of Ames guided the White team. Hosting the game were the Valley-Dowling and Urbandale-Greater Des Moines hockey clubs.

SCORE BY PERIODS

White	0	1	2	-3
Green	2	3	4	-9
First period—1. Green, Comes (Anderson, Swanson), 5:43; 2. Green, Steward (Pete), 14:06. Penalties—none.				
Second period—3. Green, Coyle (Wehr, Feltkether), 0:09; 4. Green, Swanson (Feltkether, Comes), 3:14; 1. White, Gillard (Duce), 11:45; 5. Green, Wehr (unassisted), 14:08. Penalties—none.				
Third period—6. Green, Pete (Feltkether, Thelen), 1:26; 7. Green, Thelen (Steward, Pete), 3:20; 8. Green, Wehr (Wirries, Coyle), 9:14; 9. Green, Wirries (Armstrong), 13:26; 2. White, Dale (Cook, Duce), 14:24; 3. White, Murooch (Welha, Meyer), 14:38. Penalties—none.				
SHOTS ON GOAL				
White	7	9	11	-27
Green	9	7	8	-22
Goalies—White, Patrick, Gibson; Green, Langan, Curtis.				



Chris Swanson (left) and Todd Coyle, both of Sioux City, take a breather