

Warriors open defense with 8-3 win

AMES — The Waterloo Warriors opened defense of their title Thursday night the same way they did last year at McElroy Auditorium — with a win over the Omaha Gladiators.

They struck fast with four goals in the first period, and used the hot goaltending of K.C. Doland to blow past the Gladiators, 8-3, in the first round of the Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament at the Cyclone Area Community Center.

The Warriors lost both games to the Gladiators during the regular season, but avenged the losses in the state tournament. Thursday night they played one of their best games of the season, using good defense and passing to control the puck.

Omaha got on the board first at 6:52 of the opening period, but then the Warriors scored consecutive goals by Chad Fordyce, Benji Buckley and Quinn Ernster.

Fordyce, a sophomore, had two goals and senior Jason Reiseck scored twice.

Doland, who was selected the most valuable player at last year's state tournament, saved the Warriors in the first period when he came up with several big saves.

The Warriors play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against winner of Dubuque and Ames game, which was being played Friday morning.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Warriors	4	1	3	— 8
Omaha Gladiators	2	1	0	— 3

FIRST PERIOD — 1. Omaha, Cohen (Lowndes, Ivester) 6:52; 2. Warriors, Chad Fordyce (Quinn Ernster) 8:02; 3. Warriors, Benji Buckley (Andy Gericke, Jason Reiseck) 8:53; 4. Warriors, Ernster (Ben MacLennan) 9:35; 5. Omaha, Lowndes (Cohen, Stolt) 12:38; 6. Warriors, Reiseck (Gericke) 13:13. Penalties — Child, Omaha (misconduct) 8:02; McFarland, Warriors (holding) 9:07; Jacobson, Omaha (roughing) 13:46; Stolt, Omaha (slashing) 14:52.

SECOND PERIOD — 7. Warriors, MacLennan (Buckley, Fordyce) 1:37; 8. Omaha, Perell (Boykins, Ivester) 13:36. Penalties — MacLennan, Warr. (slashing) 3:57; Gericke, Warr. (elbowing) 5:52; John Giordana, Warr. (interference) 8:51; Giordana, Warr. (high sticking) 14:11.

THIRD PERIOD — 9. Warriors, Fordyce (Ernster, MacLennan) 5:08; 10. Warriors, Reiseck (Jeff Chamberlin) 6:20; 11. Warriors, Chamberlin (Larry Heggebo) 10:45. Penalties — Ivester, Omaha (interference) 1:24; Gericke, Warr. (misconduct) 5:49; Ernster, Warr. (high sticking) 6:53; Stolt, Omaha (charging) 6:53; Stolt, Omaha (interference) 9:26; Cohen, Omaha (holding) 10:38; Chamberlin, Warr. (high sticking) 11:02; Boykins, Omaha (holding) 11:32; Buckley, Warr. (holding) 11:32.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Warriors	8	4	8	— 20
Omaha Gladiators	10	7	7	— 24

Goaltenders: K.C. Doland (Warriors), Marc Etter (Omaha). Saves: Doland 21, Etter 12.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Waterloo Warriors 8, Omaha Gladiators 3; Ames 6, Urbandale 1; Valley-Dowling 9, St. Joseph, Mo. 4; Mason City 10, Omaha Lancers 2; Sioux City 5, Mason City 0.