

# Warriors third in state meet

MASON CITY — Waterloo<sup>hr</sup> defeated the regular-season champion Omaha Gladiators 4-3 Sunday to earn third place at the Iowa High School Hockey League's state tournament.

Valley-Dowling topped Sioux City, 8-4, in the championship game. St. Joseph defeated Ames for fifth place and Mason City took seventh with a win over Omaha's Junior Lancers.

The tournament was set back by problems with the ice at North Iowa Arena. Friday's games were scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., but didn't get under way until 4 p.m. The last of the

first-round games didn't finish until 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

Warriors coach Mike Brown shared the league's coach of the year honors with Valley-Dowling's Scott Krueger. Brown led his team to a 12-13 overall record during his first season while Krueger took over for his father and guided the Tigers to the tournament championship.

Two Waterloo players — Ben Buckley and Chad Fordyce — were named to the all-state squad and will also be part of the team that represents Iowa at the Chicago Showcase. Aaron Kaufman was an honorable mention all-state selection.