

# Warriors open home season Saturday against Mason City

Waterloo opens the Iowa High School Hockey League season Saturday night on the ice at McElroy Auditorium.

The Warriors, who finished 12-13 a year ago and defeated the regular-season champion Omaha Gladiators 4-3 for third place in the state tournament, begin the 1993-94 campaign against Mason City. The opening faceoff will be at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Six seniors are among 15 returning players who got into the action a year ago for second-year coach Mike Brown and his Warriors.

Brian Varney is the top returning

scorer, finishing with 26 points in 22 games during the 1992-93 regular season.

Waterloo participated in the league's annual preseason jamboree last weekend.

"We got better as it went on, but so did everybody we played," said Brown, whose team fell to a strong Valley-Dowling squad 3-0 in its final scrimmage.

"Almost everybody had already played some scrimmages and stuff against each other, so we were way behind coming in," Brown added. "But we got better and we'll be much better this weekend."