

# Hockey scores in Des Moines

*Second high school team joins Capitals in the League*

For the first time in eight years, Des Moines will have more than one high school hockey team. In June, the Iowa High School Hockey League approved the Des Moines Oakleafs' proposal to join the league.

"We want to give more high school-aged players the chance to participate and compete," said team president **Ron Fees**. For the last four years, the Des Moines Capitals, previously the Valley and Dowling high schools team, were the only team, catering to about 30-35 high school players.

Results from a survey sent out to every player over 12 years old showed that more than 170 teens would be eligible for high school hockey in the next two years, a major factor in forming the Oakleafs.

Team officials hired **Doug Borud**, who played for the Des Moines Buccaneers professional team and in the college ranks at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and Iowa State University, to coach the 36-member team.

Borud said he wants the kids to improve every game.

"I hope we can finish at .500 or above," Borud said. "I don't know how realistic that is since we have such a young team." The team has two seniors, six juniors and the rest are underclassmen.

Team members will open the regular season against the Capitals Nov. 6, wearing their navy blue and forest green jerseys for the first time. Team officials hope the two local teams have a friendly rivalry.

This season, players could try out

for either team. However, league officials said that students from Valley, Dowling and Waukee will play for the Oakleafs, and students from Urbandale, Johnston and the metro will play for the Capitals.

As for the Capitals, Des Moines native **Scott Krueger** is again coaching the team after a two-year absence. He played for Valley/Dowling, the Des Moines Buccaneers and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he was part of a team that won three straight NCAA national championships.