

Metros get season under way today

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Teams in the Iowa High School Hockey League should hope that the Sioux City Metros are on the early portion of their 2005-06 schedules.

The Metros, who open the season with home games at the IBP Ice Center today and Sunday against the Waterloo Warriors, won't be at full strength for about three to four weeks.

Coach Jim Peck is hoping that his young squad will be able to hold down the fort until veterans Marshall Tuttle of East, Nick Bauer of West and John Adams of Bishop Heelan return at the end of their respective football seasons.

"We're kind of waiting for those guys to get back to fill out our roster," said Peck, whose team went 16-11-1-2 in the regular season last year. "The feeling is that we'll get one of them (Tuttle or Adam) back after Wednesday."

Tuttle is the Metros' top returning scoring defenseman, having scored four goals with 11 points.

Bauer, the leading returning scorer with 13 points, should join the team for practice some time next week after finishing

Sioux City Metros 2005-06 roster

#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Year	HS
3	Nathan Eyer	F	6-0	180	So	East
5	Nick Bauer	F/D	6-1	200	Sr	West
6	Nate Rose	D	5-10	165	Jr	SSC
7	Calvin Kirkpatrick	F	5-5	135	So	SB-L
8	B.J. Jackson	F	5-9	155	So	SSC
9	Lindsey LeGree	F	5-6	140	Jr	East
10	John Adam	F	6-3	220	Jr	Heelan
11	Tyler Hansen	D	6-3	220	Sr	North
12	Kyle Liernan	F	5-5	125	Fr	East
13	Brody McCabe	F	5-9	160	Sr	Hinton
14	Nicholas Cownie	F	6-0	170	So	East
15	Colt Ludwig	F	5-9	150	So	L-B
16	Ben Schmidt	F/D	6-1	175	Jr	West
17	Brian Dalke	F	5-11	180	Jr	East
18	Patrick Hauswirth	F	6-0	170	Fr	SSC
19	Jacob Wilde	F/D	5-9	155	So	North
20	Royce Fladung	F	5-11	180	So	Heelan
22	Andrew Bauer	F	5-9	145	So	West
23	Matt Young	D	5-9	245	Sr	East
24	Seeth Pinney	F	5-10	155	Jr	Heelan
25	Zach Hagaman	D	5-10	160	So	West
26	Daran Rudnick	F	5-7	155	Jr	SSC
28	Cody Lane	F	5-10	165	So	East
32	Ryan Thorland	F	5-6	125	So	West
33	Adam Suing	G	5-11	160	Sr	East
34	Marshall Tuttle	D	6-2	190	Jr	East
37	Justin Decker	G	5-8	145	Fr	Wayne
39	Josh Sachnoff	G	5-8	155	So	North
40	Nick Holmes	F	5-3	120	Fr	West
41	Dillon Smith	D	6-1	185	So	SB-L
42	Tony Scherman	F/D	5-11	175	So	East
43	Chad Corbett	F	5-10	185	Sr	North
54	David Hansen	D	6-4	210	Sr	East

Head Coach: Jim Peck
Assistant Coach: Dan Cownie, Dave LeGree
Team Representative: Dan Cownie
Team Manager: Dan Rose

out the West football season on Friday.

"Hopefully, he'll (Bauer) be back for next weekend's games," said Peck. "I'm expect-

ing him to play a big part in the team.

"He's a forward who can play some defense and can do a lot for us."

Until then, the team will rely on the senior leadership of North's Chad Corbett. Corbett played in 29 games last season, scoring eight goals and 11 points. Corbett is the leading goal scorer returning off last year's team.

Corbett is joined on the first line by South Sioux City junior Daran Rudnick and East sophomore Nick Cownie. Rudnick played 23 games last season, while Cownie skated just 13 times with the varsity.

"Those three guys will be the three guys up front that will have to get us started," added Peck.

The rest of the forward cast will all be playing their first varsity season, while the strength of the Metros' team will be the core of defensemen that play in front of returning netminder Adam Suing.

Suing, an East senior, went 8-10 a year ago with a .893 save percentage. Suing, who Peck says might have to play all 33 games this season, posted five shutouts in 2004-2005.

"We played about six pre-sea-

son games and he's looked pretty sharp," said Peck of Suing. "I expect him to be pretty solid in net.

"He's going to have to bare the brunt of the season."

Suing is backed up by sophomore Josh Sachnoff of North and Wayne freshman Justin Decker.

Lining up in front of Suing are returning letterwinners David Hansen (East, senior) and Tyler Hansen (North, senior), along with Tuttle, a junior. South Sioux City junior Nate Rose and East senior Matt Young will also skate on defense.

Tuttle's defensive partner, Kyle Bennett of Heelan, chose not to go out this season. Bennett had seven goals and 17 points a year ago, but has decided to skip hockey to pursue his dream of playing Division I football.

"We're pretty solid in net and the four experienced guys on the blue line will have to carry us until the freshman and sophomores get accustomed to the league," said Peck. "Hopefully our defense can get us through the first five or six games."

Peck's roster includes seven seniors, eight juniors, 14 sophomores and four freshmen.