

# Boone High enters state tournament baseball play for the seventh time

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When the Boone High School Toreador baseball team enters state tournament play at Principal Park in Des Moines Tuesday, it will be the school's seventh appearance in the state meet but the first since 1986.

In 1986, the Boone squad was playing in a four class meet. Prior to that, in all the Boone team's state appearances, a one-class tournament was held.

The Toreadors first entered state play in 1965 and won the state championship, beating Burlington in the title game at Williamsburg, 2-0. That year, there were no preliminary state tourney games, just the championship game after a series of district and sub state contests.

The Boone squad finished the season at 21-6.

In 1967, the Boone squad earned another state championship by defeating Mason City Newman Catholic, 4-3 in 10 innings, at Memorial Park. The Toreadors in a previous state tourney game here had stopped Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, 6-5 in nine innings.

The 1967 state title team had a final record of 28-1.

In 1970 at Carroll, the Toreadors were defeated in a first round game by Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 4-2.

In 1971 at Cedar Rapids, the Boone squad lost in the first round to Iowa Falls, 5-1.

In 1972, the Toreadors finished third at Cedar Rapids.

They beat Burlington, 2-1; lost to Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, 1-0, then won the consolation game over Granville Spalding Catholic, 4-3.

Bill Sapp coached those teams in 1965, 67, 70, 71 and 72.

In 1986, at Marshalltown, the Boone squad lost a first round game to Marshalltown, 8-6.

Current coach Rick Davis guided that 1986 team.

Boone High School has a 5-4 record in state tourney play.

Iowa High School baseball featured just one class of competition until 1973 when the four-class system was installed.

The 35 wins already recorded by the 2009 team is a school record.