

# ***Ankeny opens hockey meet vs. Metro foe***

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Ankeny and Hoover-Roosevelt open the state high school hockey tournament at 6 p.m. Thursday in Waterloo's McElroy Auditorium. Dowling faces Sioux City in the other opening-round game at 8:30.

On Friday, Urbandale, which captured the Metro Conference title by blanking Ankeny, 5-0, Sunday night, faces Mason City at noon and Valley goes against Ames at 2:30 p.m.

Valley finished third in the Iowa League with a 14-4 mark behind Columbus and Waterloo, which tied for the top with 15-3 records. The Sailors took the title because they defeated their cross-town rival twice during the regular season.

Columbus and Waterloo received opening-round byes in the tournament. Columbus will open at 6 p.m. Friday against the winner of Ankeny's match with Hoover-Roosevelt.

The Warriors open at 8:30 p.m. Friday against the winner of the Dowling-Sioux City game.

The semifinals are scheduled at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, while the losers in the opening rounds play Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The championship game is slated for 6 p.m. Sunday after the consolation contest at 3:30.