

# PREP HOCKEY TOURNEY OPENS

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WATERLOO, IA. — The two Waterloo teams which tied for the first place in the Iowa High School Hockey League have first-round byes in the state tournament which opens tonight at McElroy Auditorium.

The tournament will begin with Ankeny and Hoover-Roosevelt of Des Moines meeting at 6 p.m. Dowling of West Des Moines' defending champions meet Sioux City at 8:30 p.m.

The first round continues Friday with Des Moines Metro champion Urbandale clashing with Sioux City at noon and Ames taking on Valley of West Des Moines at 2:30 p.m.

Columbus of Waterloo, which won the first three state tournaments before being dethroned last year, will play the winner of the Ankeny and Hoover-Roosevelt contest at 6 p.m. Friday. Waterloo will face the Dowling-Sioux City winner at 8:30 p.m.

Columbus and Waterloo tied for first place in the state league with 15-3 records, but Columbus won the title because it defeated Waterloo twice during the regular season.

Waterloo eliminated Columbus, 3-1, in the 1979 tourney at Des Moines and fell to Dowling by the same score in the title game.

The semifinals are Saturday night and the championship game will be at 6 p.m. Sunday after a 3:30 p.m. consolation contest. Loser's bracket games in the single-elimination tournament are slated Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.