

Plans underway for state prep hockey tourney at McElroy

Tickets go on sale Monday for the 1980 State High School Hockey Tournament which will be play March 6-9 at Waterloo's McElroy Auditorium.

"It's going to be a fantastic boon for our city," Mayor Leo Rooff said Friday, noting that having the tournament here could result in about \$500,000 revenue for local businesses.

Tournament director Doug Johnson said he estimates the tournament will draw about 20,000 spectators from across the state.

The tournament is sponsored by the Iowa High School Hockey League, which includes a team comprised of players from Waterloo's three public high schools, Columbus High School, and teams from Mason City, Ankeny, Urban-

dale, Ames, Sioux City and Des Moines.

Johnson and Bill Kammeyer, tournament committee chairmen, said there will be two night games March 6, two afternoon and two night games March 7, four day games March 8 and five day games March 9.

The tournament, which was initiated four years ago, was in Ames for the first two years and in Des Moines the past two years.

Tickets are available from team players. A pass for all games will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Individual session tickets March 6-8 will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. The five-game session ticket for March 9 will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

Columbus High of Waterloo won the first three tournaments, defeating Sioux City in 1976 and 1978, and Dowling of West Des Moines in 1977. Dowling won the tournament last year by beating the Waterloo Warriors, with Columbus finishing third.

Because of the tournament, improvements are being made in the dressing rooms at the auditorium, according to tournament organizers.

Johnson and Kammeyer said volunteers are needed to help in various capacities during the tournament. Persons who wish to volunteer should contact Johnson, Kammeyer or Stewart Davis.