

# State prep hockey opens today at Urbandale

**MASON CITY** — The Iowa High School Hockey League's state tournament opens today at the Des Moines Ice Arena in Urbandale and will run through Sunday.

Mason City, which placed last in the seven-team league, plays Columbus the third-place finisher, at 12:30 p.m. today.

Ames, the first-place team in the final standings, is slated to play Sioux City, the fifth-place finisher, at 8 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m., the second-place team, Waterloo, plays the sixth-ranked team, Valley/Dowling of West Des Moines.

After the Mason City-Waterloo game, Urbandale, which was fourth during the regular season, will play Sioux City, fifth in the league.

Tournament session No. 2 will commence at 5 p.m. Friday, with Ames playing Valley/Dowling. Waterloo plays Mason City at 7:15 p.m. and Waterloo Columbus

plays Urbandale at 9:30 p.m.

There are four Saturday games scheduled leading to Sunday's final play, which includes six scheduled games.

Adult tickets for each session are priced \$4, while a tournament pass (which saves \$5), cost \$15. Student tickets are \$2 and a student (under 18) tournament pass is \$7.50.

Mason City was 3-19 overall in regular-season competition. However, coach Steve McMahon's club played Ames within a goal the second time around and its last three losses were by a total of five goals, including a one-goal defeat against Columbus.

"We're playing pretty good hockey right now," said McMahon.

Jim Lloyd has scored 13 goals and eight assists while Chris Steward has 10 goals and three assists to lead the Mohawks.