

# Metros to open hockey season in Des Moines

The Sioux City Metros, working under a new coach, open Iowa High School Hockey League play on the road this weekend.

The Metros, who finished second in both the regular season and the state tournament last season, tackle Urbandale at the Des Moines Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m. today, then move on to Ames to face the Little Cyclones at 7:30 Saturday night.

Sioux City opens the home season against West Des Moines Valley-Dowling on Dec. 4 and against Waterloo Columbus on Dec. 5.

Dave Davies, a former member of the Sioux City Musketeers, is the new coach of the Metros. Davies takes the reins from Jim Coyle, who was at the helm the past two seasons.

"I think we're getting real close to winning the state championship," Davies said of his team, made up of players from the four Sioux City high schools, as well as South Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff-Luton.

Veteran forwards include Shane Keith, Dale Frerichs, Ross Van Rooyan, Tracy Brunken, Chad Allen, T.J. Reinsch, Brett Austin and Jeff Goergen. Heading up the defensemen are Dirk Richou, Bert Post, Burke Lake, Tim McCormick and Chad Markham. The goalies are Jeremy Lund and Jeff Brogan.

Earning promotions from last season's Bantam team are Brian Augustine, Chris Sorum and Matt Lester.