

M.C. hockey coach to lead all-star team

CHICAGO — Mason City High hockey coach John Lloyd will coach the Iowa All-Stars this week in the Chicago Showcase, a 20-team tournament that attracts some of the best high school players in the nation.

Lloyd has at least one familiar face on the roster in Mason City senior Chris Peterson, a left wing during the regular season who will move to the right side for the tournament.

This will be Iowa's first trip to the Showcase, and it opens play Wednesday against Alaska. Thursday, Iowa plays North Dakota and Friday, Lloyd's team takes on Pittsburgh. The team is guaranteed a Saturday game even if it does not make the quarterfinals.

Lloyd said his team has been practicing every weekend since early March in Ames, and he is cautiously optimistic going into the tournament.

"After practicing with these kids and after facing some tough competition with exhibitions against Junior A players, they might be able to do all right," Lloyd said. "It's a question of our first time there and if we're ready for the competition we're going to see."

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