

■ Seven metro players are among the 25 on Iowa's all-star team that will participate in the Chicago Showcase April 17-22.

The Showcase annual attracts the top high school players from across the country. It is a sanctioned U.S. Olympic development event and is hosted by Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, an affiliate of USA Hockey.

Last year, more than 95 scouts representing the NHL, colleges and club teams saw the tournament.

Some 500 players comprising 20 state all-star teams are expected to participate this year.

Local players selected for the team are Waterloo Warriors goaltender K.C. Doland, defenseman Jeff Frazee, and forward Tracy Henn along with Columbus defenseman Dan Bloom and forwards Justin Smith, Corey Simon and Ben MacLennan.

Players on the Iowa team are seeking sponsorship for their week in Chicago. For more information, call Morris E. Petersen, Iowa High School Hockey League president, at (515) 270-6320.