

High School Hockey Kicks Off Year-End Tournaments

AMES, Iowa – Top teams from the Midwest High School Hockey League will battle in Ames starting Thursday through Sunday for Varsity and Junior Varsity year-end tournament titles.

The regular-season's top-eight Varsity teams take the ice Friday beginning at 12:00 noon with four quarterfinal, single-elimination matchups. Friday's schedule:

Noon - #4 Cedar Rapids vs #5 Mason City

2:00 - #3 Kansas City vs #6 Des Moines Capitals

4:00 - #2 Omaha vs #7 Des Moines Oak Leafs

6:00 - #1 Sioux City vs #8 Waterloo

Friday's four winners advance to Saturday's semifinals. The two winners then faceoff at 11:00 AM Sunday to decide a Varsity Tournament Champion. The JV tournament begins Thursday with four quarterfinal games and ends Saturday with the championship game.

The Sioux City Metros earned the top Varsity tournament seed with a League-leading regular-season record of 25 wins, 1 loss, 1 overtime loss, and 1 shootout loss. The Omaha Jr. Lancers captured this year's Jr. Varsity regular-season title. Waterloo is the defending Varsity tournament champion.

Mediacom's MC22 broadcasting crew will be in Ames to televise Sunday's Varsity championship game. Five cameras will broadcast the action throughout most of Iowa and the Mediacom eight-state network.

Names of the 2017-2018 Midwest High School Hockey League All-Stars have been announced. First and Second-Team All-Stars are selected by the League's 12 head coaches.

The MSHSL All-League Team and Coach-of-the-Year will be announced during Saturday's Varsity regular-season awards ceremony. Coaches select an All-League Team to recognize this year's top three forwards, two defensemen and one goaltender.

The MSHSL is a member of the Pointstreak Scoring Network. For live scoring and complete tournament coverage go to: www.midwesthighschoolhockey.com

For a complete history of the Iowa/Midwest High School Hockey League including year-by-year listings of past champions and statistics, go to the MSHSL Information Vault.