

Junior Icers await season

The Sioux City Metro Jr. Musketeers will open their Iowa High school Hockey League Saturday, Nov. 27 when Des Moines Valley invades the Sioux City Auditorium for a 2:30 games.

It will be the first of a dozen regular season contests.

Coach Pete Inkster returns all but one from last season's squad including Brian Hartman, the state's leading prep scorer.

Also returning is sophomore Brent Hartman and senior Dave Wiffen, both of whom were in the top 20 on the point list. In addition, sophomore Mike Bennett and senior Eric Paulsrud, the Nos. 1 and 2 goalies on the team last year, also are returning. Dave Early and Mark Hartman also are expected to provide strong competition.

Returning to bolster the defense are senior John Meine and juniors Dave Woolworth and Damon Lohry. Added depth is expected from youthful skaters moving up from the Bantam Division.

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Former Musketeers Barry Head and Ralph Kloiber will assist Inkster on the coaching staff this season. Head will be Inkster's assistant on the high school level while handling the junior varsity team. Kloiber will coach the goalies both in high school and the younger divisions.

Marcus Rotramal returns for the third year as Jr. Musketeer trainer.

The state league this season will include 12 teams divided into two divisions. Sioux City Metro is a member of the seven-team Division I which also includes Des Moines Valley, Dowling, Roosevelt and Urbandale; Waterloo Columbus and Public. Division II is made up of teams from Des Moines Lincoln, Ankeny, Webster City, Mason City and Ames.

The Iowa state tournament will be held March 10-12 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames with District tournaments set for Sioux City, Waterloo and Des Moines.

The Sioux City team comprises players from each of the local high schools and is sponsored by the Siouxland Youth Hockey Association.

With the increase interest in prep hockey here, a junior varsity team has been added to the program this year to provide an outlet for new or inexperienced players.

The Jr. Musketeer schedule:

Nov. 27: Des Moines Valley (2:30)
Dec. 2: at Des Moines Roosevelt (7:30)
Dec. 3: at Des Moines Dowling (7:30)
Dec. 9: at Waterloo Public (7:30)
Dec. 10: at Waterloo Columbus (7:30)
Dec. 18: Des Moines Dowling (2:00)
Jan. 8: Waterloo Columbus (2:30)
Jan. 22: Des Moines Roosevelt (2:00)
Feb. 5: Des Moines Urbandale (2:30)
Feb. 11: Waterloo Public (1:30)
Feb. 17: at Des Moines Urbandale (7:30)
Feb. 18: at Des Moines Valley (7:30)