

PREP HOCKEY MEET SLATED

The Iowa High School Hockey League tournament will be played at the Des Moines Ice Arena next weekend.

First-round games are scheduled at 7 and 9 o'clock on Thursday and Friday nights, with the semifinals set for Saturday. First-round losers will play Sunday morning before the 2 p.m. consolation game. The championship is slated for 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Columbus of Waterloo, winner of the past three tournaments, isn't favored this time. After whipping Sioux City in the title game in 1978, the Sailors suffered heavy graduation losses and slumped in the regular season.

But it's possible that the state title

will stay in Waterloo because Waterloo Public had the best record in the state and captured the Iowa League crown with a 12-2 mark.

Coach Dave Swick's Warriors were upset by Valley, 6-3, Friday night at Waterloo after clinching the title by defeating the Tigers, 6-5, in overtime at the Des Moines arena on Feb. 24.

Dowling and Valley are tied for second place in the state league with 10-3 records going into tonight's regular-season finale here. Valley has clinched the Metropolitan Conference title and the Maroons are assured of the runner-up spot.

The other teams seeking a state tourney berth are Ankeny, Lincoln-East, Roosevelt-Hoover and Urbandale from the Metro as well as Ames and Mason City. The Mason City team includes Pat Denny, the only girl to compete on a boys' team.

Alan Murdoch, commissioner of the Iowa League, will determine the tournament teams after tonight's games.