

# Columbus favorite in hockey tourney

Columbus of Waterloo, the defending champion and winner of four of the six titles, is favored to capture the seventh state high school hockey tournament that begins tonight at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

The Sailors, who completed the regular season with a 15-1 record, lost only to Hoover-Roosevelt of Des Moines last Friday night in Waterloo, 4-3.

In the first faceoff at 6:30 tonight, Valley of West Des Moines (14-2), runner-up to Columbus in regular-season play, will clash with city rival Dowling. Waterloo and Mason City tangle in the 8:30 nightcap.

Friday's activity begins at 7:15 a.m. with Hoover-Roosevelt facing Urbandale. Ames and Sioux City will clash at 10.

The winners of tonight's games will battle at 12:30 p.m. Friday and Columbus will open defense of its title at 3 against the Ames-Sioux City winner.

Four more games are scheduled

Saturday, also beginning at 7:15 a.m.

The championship game will begin at 4:30 Sunday following three consolation contests that start at 8 a.m.

Waterloo teams have dominated the state prep tournaments, with Dowling being the only outsider to capture the title. The Maroons turned the trick in 1979.

After Waterloo's public school team won the crown in 1980, Columbus recaptured it last year by edging the Warriors in the championship game.

Tickets for each session are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students, with children under 5 being admitted free. A tournament pass, good for all 14 games, costs \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.

## Tournament Schedule

### THURSDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

6:30 — Dowling (3-12-1) vs. Valley (14-2)

8:30 — Mason City (7-9) vs. Waterloo (10-6)

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

7:15 a.m. — Hoover-Roosevelt (9-6-1) vs. Urbandale (8-8)

10 a.m. — Ames (3-13) vs. Sioux City (2-14)

12:30 p.m. — Dowling-Valley winner vs. Mason City-Waterloo winner

3 p.m. — Columbus (Waterloo) (15-1) vs. Ames-Sioux City winner