

State hockey tournament opens

Tourney Facts

TONIGHT'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.

The seventh annual state high school hockey tournament will begin tonight at the Des Moines Ice Arena with West Des Moines rivals Dowling and Valley clashing at 6:30 o'clock and Mason City meeting Waterloo in the 8:30 nightcap.

Four games are scheduled for Friday and four more for Saturday, with each day's activity beginning at 7:15 a.m. The championship game is set for 4:30 p.m. Sunday after three consolation games that day.

Columbus of Waterloo, the defending champion, will begin tourney action at 3 p.m. Friday against either Ames or Sioux City, who will meet at 10 a.m. Friday.

Urbandale opens Friday's slate against Hoover-Roosevelt of Des Moines.

Columbus (15-1), the Iowa League champion after regular-season play, was upset by Hoover-Roosevelt, 4-3, in Waterloo last Friday night. The Sailors have captured four state titles. Only the Waterloo public school team and Dowling have been able to dent the Sailors' supremacy.

The Warriors won in 1980 after the Maroons took the crown in 1979.

Valley (14-2), which lost only to Columbus this year, finished in second place during the regular season.