

# Metros head for Des Moines

Sioux City's Metro high school hockey team will begin its 1981-82 season this weekend with a two-day road trip to Des Moines.

Coach Walt Johnson's Metros will open Friday with West Des Moines Valley at 8:30 p.m., then follow with a 6:30 game Saturday evening with Urbandale. Both games will be played at the Des Moines Ice Arena.

Johnson lost 10 seniors from a team that finished third in last year's state high school tournament and fifth in the final Iowa High School Hockey Association regular season standings.

"The main concern is our defense," says Johnson, a former United States Hockey League scoring champion for the Sioux City Musketeer. "We'll have an awful young defense because graduation

just wiped us out there."

A squad of 28 skaters includes just five seniors — Craig Patrick, Peter Baker, Jeff Kentner, Ed Kieler and Mark Adam.

Under the supervision of Johnson and assistant coach Jerry Thompson, the Metros have been conducting three practices per week at the Airenna in South Sioux City. The team's first home game will be Saturday, Nov. 28, with Urbandale.

## 1981-82 SCHEDULE

November: 20—at WDM Valley, 8:30 p.m.; 21—at Urbandale, 6:30 p.m.; 28—Urbandale, 3:30 p.m.

December: 5—at DM Hoover-Roosevelt, 8:30 p.m.; 6—at WDM Dowling, 6:30 p.m.; 12—Ames, 3:30 p.m.; 19—Mason City (at Austin, Minn.), 3 p.m.

January: 9—Waterloo Columbus, 3:30 p.m.; 16—DM Hoover-Roosevelt, 3:30 p.m.; 23—WDM Dowling, 3:30 p.m.; 30—WDM Valley, 3:30 p.m.

February: 6—at Waterloo Public, 7:30 p.m.; 7—at Waterloo Columbus, 4 p.m.; 14—at Ames, 3 p.m.; 20—Waterloo Public, 3:30 p.m.; 27—Mason City, 3:30 p.m.