

State meet beckons for Metros

The Sioux City Metros, hoping an extra game in the preliminary round of the Iowa High School Hockey tournament will be to their advantage, begin their quest for the 1985 crown at 8 a.m. today against Ames.

All seven tourney teams will play three preliminary contests today and Saturday in Des Moines with the exception of Sioux City, which drew four games. The preliminary pairings were determined by the final order of standing at the conclusion of regular season play. It had been determined that the fifth place team would play four games in prelim competition and the Metros were the fifth place finisher.

Ames won the regular season race with a 9-2-1 record followed by Waterloo Public 9-3, Waterloo Columbus 6-5-1, Urbandale 6-6, Sioux City 5-7, West Des Moines Valley 5-7 and Mason City 1-11.

Sioux City's preliminary foes will be Ames at 8 a.m. and Urbandale at 2:45 p.m. today and Waterloo Public at 9 a.m. and Waterloo Columbus at 3:45 p.m. Saturday.

Positions in the brackets for Sunday's final play will be determined by points accumulated during preliminary competition (two points for a win, one for a tie and zero for a loss). There will be no overtimes. In the case of ties after preliminary competition, tiebreakers will be used.

Sunday's schedule calls for six games beginning at 6:45 a.m. The championship game will be held at 6 p.m.

The Metros, who finished the season with a 6-3 win over Mason City last Saturday, closed the IHSHL schedule at 5-7, winning five of their last six league outings.

In winning nine of 21 games overall, Sioux City outscored the opposition 96-84.

Mick Emerick was Sioux City's top scorer with 38 points including a team-high 26 assists. Rob Casper scored 19 goals this season, tops on the team, in totaling 30 points. Kirk Swanson had 32 points.

Brian Burke had the most power play goals (6), Emerick and Hannus Koivu the most shorthanded goals (3) and Koivu the most game-winning goals (2).

Scott Patrick and Mark Laurent shared goal-keeping duties with Patrick sporting a 3.51 goals-against average in securing seven wins.

Final regular season statistics can be found in Sports Detail on page A10.