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Hockey squad to play 3 games this weekend; swim, mat squads open later

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Aurora's varsity ice hockey season gets under way this weekend, and the squad could be plenty tired when its members head back to school after the Thanksgiving break.

The team, with coach John Sheridan returning, will open the holiday tournament Nov. 23 with a game against North Royalton at 8:15 p.m.

On Nov. 24, the Greenmen face Medina at 1:15 p.m. and on Nov. 25, they battle Mayfield.

AHS posted a 21-5-3 record last year, and played in what was considered the longest high school hockey game in the nation, a 2-1 eight-overtime playoff win over Solon.

Aurora is in a new division in the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League this year -- the Blue North. It has been in the Blue East in previous years. Blue North and Blue South have replaced the East and West divisions.

In the Blue North with Aurora are Chagrin Falls, Kenston, Mayfield, Midview and Solon.

In the Blue South are Canfield, Garfield Heights, NDCL, Orange, Parma and Twinsburg, while in the Blue Central are Brooklyn, Brush, CVCA, Euclid, Lakewood and West Geauga.

In other AHS sports, the swim team is scheduled to open the season Nov. 27 by hosting Kenston at Hiram College, and the wrestlers will open Dec. 7 and 8 in the Aurora Invitational.