

Pairings set for football playoffs

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High school football coaches, players and fans had an extended Friday night as many stayed up late to catch the first glimpse of the 2014 playoffs.

The IHSAA posted the pairings at approximately 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

One of the most intriguing matchups in Class 4A will send Coach Mike Morrissey and the Prairie Hawks against Pleasant Valley. Morrissey played his high school football at Pleasant Valley for his father, Ed Morrissey.

Here are all the Metro pairings for the first-round games, which will be played Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

- + Top-ranked Washington hosts Clinton at Kingston Stadium in Class 4A.
- + Linn-Mar hosts Davenport Central at Linn-Mar Stadium in Class 4A.
- + Xavier entertains Charles City at Saints Field in Class 3A.
- + Jefferson visits second-ranked Bettendorf in Class 4A.
- + Kennedy visits Muscatine in Class 4A.
- + Prairie travels to Pleasant Valley in Class 4A.

Jefferson lost to Linn-Mar Friday night 42-21, but still made the playoffs. The J-Hawks are not apologizing for the school's first Class 4A playoff appearance since 2006. They earned a fourth-place finish in District 5 thanks to Kennedy's 48-28 win over Waterloo West at Kingston Stadium.

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Even though Kennedy (2-7, 2-3) lost a 27-24 overtime decision to the J-Hawks in the regular season, the point system used to break three-way ties gave the Cougars the No. 3 seed, leaving Jefferson (4-5, 2-3) at No. 4.

"It's not the same feeling as you get by winning a game," said J-Hawks quarterback Jesse Furrow, "but you take what you get and go from there."

Jefferson Coach Brian Webb said Jefferson is not simply happy with a playoff spot.

"We'll play anybody, anywhere," he said. "It doesn't matter whether it is Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley or Washington, we'll be ready to go," he said before the pairings were revealed.

"I think it is a success for our program to be in the playoffs," he continued. "The main thing is that people respect us now. If you are going to face us, you are going to have play hard because we're going to come at you and not ever quit."

Washington (9-0, 5-0 District 6), a 63-19 winner Friday night at Burlington, and No. 6 Linn-Mar (8-1, 5-0) are No. 1 seeds by virtue of winning district championships. Their opponents (Clinton and Davenport Central) are No. 4 seeds.

Prairie (4-5, 2-3) earned a No. 3 seed in District 6 with its 48-0 win over Ottumwa.

Xavier (6-3, 5-1) downed Marion, 37-6, on Friday to earn a No. 1 seed. Coach Duane Schulte's team tied with Solon and Western Dubuque for the Class 3A District 4 title, but got the top seed through a tiebreaker.

Marion (1-8, 0-6) was eliminated from contention prior to Friday's loss at Xavier.

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All of the first-round games match No. 1 seeds against No. 4 and No. 2 seeds against No. 3 seeds.

Here's a complete list of Wednesday's playoff games. All are 7 p.m. kicks unless noted:

CLASS 4A

Ames @ Urbandale

Ankeny Centennial vs Johnston at 8:00 - Ankeny Stadium

Ankeny vs Des Moines, Abraham Lincoln at 5:30 - Ankeny Stadium

Cedar Rapids, Jefferson @ Bettendorf

Cedar Rapids, Kennedy @ Muscatine

Clinton @ Cedar Rapids, Washington

Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln @ Lewis Central

Davenport, Central @ Linn-Mar

Des Moines, East @ Valley, West Des Moines

Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines vs Indianola at Williams Stadium

Dubuque, Hempstead @ North Scott, Eldridge

Dubuque, Senior @ Cedar Falls

Fort Dodge @ Southeast Polk

Ottumwa @ Iowa City, West

Prairie, Cedar Rapids @ Pleasant Valley

Sioux City, East @ Waukee

CLASS 3A

ADM, Adel @ Carroll

Assumption, Davenport @ Solon

Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley @ Sergeant Bluff-Luton

Charles City @ Xavier

Epworth, Western Dubuque @ Waverly-Shell Rock

Fairfield @ Pella

Gilbert @ Humboldt

Greene County @ Creston

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Independence @ Washington
Knoxville @ Dallas Center-Grimes
Newton @ Clear Creek-Amana
Norwalk @ Bondurant-Farrar
Spencer @ Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City
Wahlert, Dubuque @ West Delaware, Manchester
Webster City @ Ballard
Winterset @ Carlisle

CLASS 2A

Aplington-Parkersburg @ Beckman Catholic, Dyersville
Center Point-Urbana @ Union, La Porte City
Central Lyon/George Little Rock @ Sioux Center
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows @ East Sac County
Estherville Lincoln Central @ Clear Lake
Kuemper Catholic, Carroll @ Clarinda
MOC-Floyd Valley @ Spirit Lake
Mid-Prairie, Wellman @ Albia
Monticello @ North Fayette Valley
Mount Vernon @ Mediapolis
New Hampton @ Anamosa
North Polk, Alleman @ South Tama County, Tama
PCM, Monroe @ Williamsburg
South Hardin @ Collins-Maxwell/Baxter
Southeast Valley @ Hampton-Dumont
West Burlington @ Cascade, Western Dubuque

CLASS 1A

Alburnett @ Regina, Iowa City
Bellevue @ Dike-New Hartford
Central Decatur, Leon @ Pella Christian
Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont @ Panorama, Panora
Hudson @ North Cedar, Stanwood
Lake Mills @ South Winneshiek, Calmar
Madrid @ IKM-Manning
OA-BCIG @ Hinton

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Ogden @ AHSTW, Avoca
Pocahontas Area @ South Central Calhoun
Sibley-Ocheyedan @ West Lyon, Inwood
Sigourney/Keota @ West Branch
Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Saint Ansgar
Underwood @ Van Meter
Western Christian, Hull @ Emmetsburg
Woodward-Granger @ St. Edmond, Fort Dodge

CLASS A

Akron-Westfield @ Woodbury Central, Merville
Belle Plaine @ Van Buren Community
Belmond-Klemme @ Gladbrook-Reinbeck
Bishop Garrigan, Algona @ AGWSR, Ackley
Colfax-Mingo @ Mount Ayr
Denver @ West Hancock, Britt
Earlham @ Bedford
Edgewood-Colesburg @ B-G-M, Brooklyn
Griswold @ Logan-Magnoli
Lone Tree @ Lisbon
North-Linn, Troy Mills @ Pekin
Pleasantville @ Montezuma
Wapsie Valley, Fairbank @ Nashua-Plainfield
West Sioux, Hawarden @ South O'Brien, Paullina
Westwood, Sloan @ Audubon
Winfield-Mt. Union @ Maquoketa Valley, Delhi

EIGHT-MAN

Ar-We-Va, Westside @ Glidden-Ralston
Clarksville @ Turkey Valley, Jackson Junction
Colo-Nesco @ Melcher-Dallas
East Union, Afton @ Fremont-Mills, Tabor
Exira/Elk Horn-Kimballton @ Sidney
Graettinger-Terril @ Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn
Guthrie Center @ Newell-Fonda
Harris-Lake Park @ Boyer Valley, Dunlap
Kee, Lansing @ Janesville

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Lenox @ Coon Rapids-Bayard

Meskwaki Settlement School @ Central, Elkader

North Iowa, Buffalo Center @ West Bend-Mallard

Stanton @ Lamoni

Twin Cedars, Bussey @ Don Bosco, Gilbertville

Wayne, Corydon @ H-L-V, Victor

West Central, Maynard @ Northwood-Kensett