

## Washington girls want first trip to state

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Cedar Rapids Washington has never sent a team to the girls state soccer tournament.

They're just a game away now.

The eighth-ranked Warriors blanked Dubuque Senior, 6-0, in the regional semifinals Wednesday night at Kingston Stadium and will play for a berth in the state tournament on Monday.

The obstacle will be 10th-ranked Linn-Mar in a match scheduled for Kingston at 7 p.m. Monday.

The Warriors don't like having a "zero" next to the entry for state tournament appearances.

"We have a chance to deal with that on Monday, so it's kind of exciting," said Sean McCoy, in his second year at Washington.

McCoy took Cedar Rapids Kennedy teams to the state tournament when he coached the Cougars. Now he'd like to perform the same trick with the Warriors.

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Washington (15-3) sailed into the regional finals with the victory over Dubuque Senior, which won only two games this season.

"I think we played pretty well," said junior Tori Carson, who scored two goals for the Warriors. "We really moved the ball together as a team."

The Warriors defeated Linn-Mar in a shootout earlier this season. Nobody scored in that defensive struggle until the penalty kicks at the very end.

"We're going to have to play really hard and hopefully it will work out for us," Carson said. "It will take a lot of focus to get a goal in."

Linn-Mar reached the regional finals with a 4-0 victory over Dubuque Hempstead Wednesday night at Linn-Mar.

The regional finals Monday night at Kingston Stadium will be an all-Metro affair. Jefferson will face No.4 Kennedy at 5 p.m., followed by No.8 Washington vs. No.10 Linn-Mar at 7 p.m.

Anne Cooper and Sarah Keppler scored goals in the first half Wednesday as the Warriors held a 2-0 edge at intermission. Carson scored on a header to make it 3-0, then scored again to make it 4-0 midway through the second half.

Morgan Bjornsen and Jordon Pilcher finished the scoring for the Warriors.