

## **Lions, Cougars placed in same substate**

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The dream of having four Metro baseball teams reach the Class 4A state tournament was dashed by the Iowa High School Athletic Association Thursday.

The IHSAA put No. 7 Linn-Mar and No. 9 Kennedy in the same substate, which means only one of them can make the state tournament. The Lions swept the Cougars in a conference doubleheader earlier this season and have the edge for the No. 1 seed in the substate.

Cedar Falls, Marshalltown, Waterloo East and Waterloo West are in Substate No. 3 with Linn-Mar and Kennedy.

The fourth-ranked Jefferson J-Hawks have been placed in Substate No. 4 with Clinton, Hempstead, Dubuque Senior, Western Dubuque and North Scott.

The eighth-ranked Prairie Hawks are in Substate No. 6 with Burlington, Washington, Iowa City High, Iowa City West and Ottumwa.

Linn-Mar and Kennedy are not the only ranked Class 4A teams in the same substate. The IHSAA did the same thing with No. 3 Southeast Polk and No. 6 Dowling in Substate No. 7.

The Marion Indians and Xavier Saints have been assigned to Substate No. 4 in Class 3A along with Davenport Assumption, Center Point-Urbana, DeWitt Central, Maquoketa, Solon and Dubuque Wahlert.

Cedar Valley Christian has been assigned to District No. 8 in Class 1A with Cal-Wheatland, Easton Valley, Lisbon, Bellevue Marquette, Midland, North Linn, Price of Peace and Springville.

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The Class 4A and 3A playoffs begin July 17. The Class 1A playoffs begin July 11.

The seedings and first-round pairings will be announced in two weeks.