

## Cougars, J-Hawks lead Metro baseball

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This is not shaping up as a particularly good year for high school baseball in the Metro area.

Only Kennedy and Jefferson have winning records in conference games. And only Kennedy, Jefferson and Xavier have winning records overall.

The Xavier Saints suffered a big loss this month when Mitch Keller accepted a \$1 million signing bonus from Pittsburgh and left to begin his pro career.

The Linn-Mar Lions also have suffered a big loss with all-state catcher Brandt Ollinger playing travel ball this summer with an all-star team. Linn-Mar Coach Chad Lechner said Ollinger will be gone for an extended period of time.

Kennedy is ranked No. 2 in Class 4A and Jefferson defeated No. 1 Hempstead in the second game of a doubleheader Friday.

Here are the Metro records through June 22:

Kennedy	14-2 overall	10-2 MVC
Jefferson	13-6 overall	8-4 MVC
Xavier	12-8 overall	6-6 MVC
Marion	8-8 overall	6-6 Wamac
Linn-Mar	9-14 overall	4-8 MVC
Prairie	4-12 overall	3-7 MVC
Washington	3-12 overall	3-9 MVC
Cedar Valley	0-14 overall	