

Burger will play for Saints at state

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Xavier guard Mitchell Burger has been reinstated to the team and has been cleared to play for the Saints in the Class 3A state basketball tournament Tuesday night at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

The 10th-ranked Saints (16-8) face third-ranked Spirit Lake (21-3) at 6:35 p.m.

Burger, who leads Xavier at 16.6 points per game, did not play in the last two games while serving a suspension for an unspecified violation.

Caoch Ryan Luehrsmann said Monday morning that Burger has been cleared and will be in uniform Tuesday night, but said Burger will not be in the starting lineup. He will come off the bench as a reserve.

"We plan to have him," Luehrsmann said.

The Saints will be facing a strong opponent in Spirit Lake, which features two star performers. Ryan Kriener, a 6-foot-10 senior who has signed with Iowa, averages 22.5 points and 12 rebounds. Billy Brown, a 6-3 guard, averages 22.1 points.