

Saints host Assumption in 3A opener

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The Xavier Saints will host Davenport Assumption in the opening round of the Class 3A football playoffs this Friday at 7 p.m. at Saints Field.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association posted all the brackets on its website Saturday morning following the end of the regular season Friday night.

Xavier finished the regular season at 9-0 overall and captured the District 3 title with a 7-0 mark. Assumption finished 7-2 overall and went 6-1 in District 4 as the district runner-up.

The Saints and Knights did not have any common opponents this season. Xavier won at Davenport Assumption, 30-6, in 2014 and beat Assumption again last year, 14-7, at Saints Field.

The entire bracket for the Class 3A playoffs has been pre-determined this season, unlike recent years when the IHSAA determined opponents on a round-by-round basis.

If the Saints defeat Davenport Assumption, they will host West Delaware (8-1) or Waverly-Shell Rock (6-3) in the quarterfinals on Friday, Nov. 4 at Saints Field, according to the IHSAA rules for determining second-round hosts.

Xavier was placed on the same side of the 16-team bracket with Pella, which means the second-ranked Saints would meet the top-ranked Dutch in the semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the UNI-Dome if they both get that far.

The Class 3A championship game is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:06 p.m. in the UNI-Dome.

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CLASS 3A BRACKET

First Round Oct. 28

Waverly-Shell Rock (6-3) at West Delaware (8-1)

Davenport Assumption (7-2) at Xavier (9-0)

Benton Community (7-2) at Solon (8-1)

Oskaloosa (7-2) at Pella (9-0)

Glenwood (7-2) at Storm Lake (9-0)

Sergeant Bluff-Luton (7-2) at Carroll (9-0)

Norwalk (8-1) at Webster City (8-1)

Boone (7-2) at Creston (8-1)