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The second round of the football playoffs are Monday night and two Metro ballclubs are still alive on the Road to the Dome.

Xavier (9-1) hosts league foe Iowa City High (8-2) at Saints Field and Kennedy (7-3) travels to Davenport to face Assumption (9-1) for the first time.

City High was a beaten down opponent before it took the field last year in a first-round game at Xavier. The injury-plagued Little Hawks were playing out the string in a rare losing season and were trampled by the Saints 48-10.

The Little Hawks are much better this season and could pose a huge problem for Xavier, especially if the Saints are unable to corral a special runner with a familiar name.

Xavier Washpun has rushed for 1,775 yards and 19 touchdowns for City High this season. Stopping him will be a priority for a Saints defense that has been outstanding against the run.

Kennedy, meanwhile, will have to figure out how to contain Assumption dual-threat quarterback Jake Gervase, who has run for nearly 900 yards and passed for a little more than that amount.

The best defense against Gervase is an offense that keeps the ball away from the Knights, and Kennedy's ground-and-pound attack appears suited to do that.

The game shapes up as a slugfest.

Monday's winners play again on Friday in the quarterfinals. If both locals win they would meet at Xavier.

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But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

### **Monday** **Iowa City High (8-2) at Xavier (9-1)**

**Site:** Saints Field

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Radio:** KMRY (AM-1450/FM-93.1)

**Last meeting:** Xavier 48, Iowa City High 10 (Oct. 24, 2012)

**Line:** Xavier by 7



**Iowa City High** - The Little Hawks held off Muscatine, 24-19, in their first-round playoff game. Xavier Washpun ran the ball 36 times for 226 yards and two TDs. Mitch Wieland completed only four passes, but one was an 11-yard TD strike to Washpun. City High tied for first place with Iowa City West in the MVC Mississippi Division and is seeded No.6. Washpun has rushed

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for 1,775 yards and 19 TDs. Wieland has rushed for 314 yards and 3 TDs, Bryson Runge 294 and 2 TDs. Wieland has completed 51.1 percent of his passes (68 of 133) for 954 yards and 7 TDs. Jake Leohr is the leading receiver with 18 receptions for 387 yards, but he did not play against Muscatine because of an injured collarbone and his status is questionable. Cory Lindsey has 15 receptions, 4 for TDs. PK Drew Cornwell is 36 of 40 on PAT kicks and 5 of 9 on FGs with a long of 45. He is the all-time kick scoring leader in Iowa with 230 points.



**Xavier** - The Saints destroyed Clinton, 45-0, in their first-round game. The defense held Clinton to 61 total yards and Ben Valentine returned an interception for a TD. Brendan Miller ran for 70 yards and 2 TDs. Xavier tied for first place with Washington in the MVC Valley Division and is seeded No.3. Miller has rushed for 1,188 yards and 15 TDs. QB Quinton Scholer has been slowed somewhat by a gimpy ankle the past three games. He has completed 68.4 percent of his passes (78 of 114) for 878 yards and 12 TDs. He also has rushed for 333 yards and 6 TDs. WR Bryce Grimm has 24 receptions for 256 yards and 3 TDs. Frank Hill has 17 receptions for 241 yards. TE Matt Nelson has 10 receptions, but 4 have scored TDs. PK Ryan Persick is 40 of 41 on PAT kicks and 7 of 11 on FGs. Nic Ekland has 43 tackles. Daniel Vega has 40 tackles, including 18 solos for losses. Nelson has 31 tackles, 10 solos for losses. The Saints reached the Class 4A championship game last season.

## Kennedy (7-3) at Assumption (9-1)

**Site:** Brady Street Stadium, Davenport

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Radio:** KGYM (AM-1600/FM-107.5)

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**Last meeting:** First meeting

**Line:** Assumption by 4



**Kennedy** - The Cougars rolled over Prairie, 42-14, in their first-round game. Kennedy had 278 rushing yards. Miles Moa ran for 123 yards and 2 TDs. Derek Jacobus ran for 79 yards and also threw a pair of TD passes to Jacob Shannon. It was Kennedy's fourth win in its last five games. The Cougars finished third in the MVC Mississippi Division and are seeded No. 7 in the playoffs. Their losses were to Iowa City West, Xavier and Dubuque Hempstead. Moa leads the team in rushing with 1,248 yards and 10 TDs. Jacobus has rushed for 443 yards and 7 TDs. He also has completed 52 of 105 passes for 594 yards and 7 TDs. TE Drew Heitland has 19 receptions for 277 yards and 3 TDs. PK Mark Schulz is 32 of 35 on PAT kicks. He has not attempted a FG. Jordan Lunsford has 78 tackles, Prince Kollie 72 and Triston Christopher 61. The Cougars have forced 13 turnovers.



**Assumption** - The Knights blanked Davenport Central, 26-0, in their first-round game. They rushed for 368 yards and 2 TDs. James Hua ran for 157 yards and Jake Gervase 153. Assumption finished second in the Mississippi Athletic Conference and is seeded No.2. Hua has rushed for 1,043 yards and 16 TDs. Gervase has run for 895 yards and 7 TDs. He also has completed 50.4 percent of his passes (67 of 133) for 903 yards and 9 TDs. Ryan Coughlin has 26 receptions for 260 yards and 3 TDs. Kolton O'Day has 13 receptions for 270 yards, Hua

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14 for 230. PK Nate Campbell is 33 of 39 on PAT kicks and 0 of 3 on FGs. Assumption's defense has forced 26 turnovers. Gervase has 8 interceptions. Assumption's only loss was a 19-13 decision to top-seeded Pleasant Valley in Week 2.