

5 Metro girls teams get byes

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Xavier, Marion, Kennedy, Linn-Mar and Washington have received opening-round byes for the regional girls basketball tournament that begins in two weeks.

The ninth-ranked Xavier Saints and 13th-ranked Marion Indians received their byes in Class 4A as a reward for their work this season. The eighth-ranked Kennedy Cougars, Linn-Mar Lions and Washington Warriors got their byes in Class 5A.

Jefferson and Prairie did not receive byes and will face each other in the opening round of the Class 5A Region 5 tournament at Jefferson. The winner will face third-ranked Southeast Polk in the semifinals.

The opening round of the Class 4A and 5A regional tournaments will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 with the finals on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The regional champions advance to the state tournament in Des Moines during the first week of March.

Xavier will host Mount Pleasant or Clear Creek-Amana in the Class 4A regional semifinals. Marion will host West Delaware or Decorah in the semifinals.

Kennedy will host Dubuque Senior or Clinton in the Class 5A regional semifinals. Linn-Mar and Washington will face each other in the semifinals at Linn-Mar.

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The Class 5A regional finals will be hosted by the highest remaining seed in each bracket. The sites for the Class 4A regional finals have been pre-determined. Xavier would play in a regional final in DeWitt and Marion would play in a regional final at Vinton.

Kennedy is a No. 1 seed in Class 5A and will need to win two games at home to make the state tournament. Linn-Mar is seeded No. 2 and Washington is seeded No. 3, and the winner of their game would likely play at No. 1 Southeast Polk in the regional finals.

CLASS 4A REGION 2 Opening Round Feb. 18

Vinton-Shellsburg at Charles City, 7 p.m.
Decorah at West Delaware, 7 p.m.

Semifinals Feb. 21

Charles City/Vinton-Shellsburg at Waverly-Shell Rock, 7 p.m.
West Delaware/Decorah at Marion, 7 p.m.

Finals Feb. 24

At Vinton, 7 p.m.

CLASS 4A REGION 4 Opening Round Feb. 18

Fort Madison at Keokuk, 7 p.m.
Clear Creek-Amana at Mount Pleasant, 7 p.m.

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Semifinals Feb. 21

Fort Madison/Keokuk at Davenport North, 7 p.m.
Clear Creek-Amana/Mount Pleasant at Xavier, 7 p.m.

Finals Feb. 24

At DeWitt, 7 p.m.

CLASS 5A REGION 5

Opening Round Feb. 18

No. 5 Prairie at No. 4 Jefferson, 7 p.m.

Semifinals Feb. 21

Prairie/Jefferson at No. 1 Southeast Polk, 7 p.m.
No. 3 Washington at No. 2 Linn-Mar, 7 p.m.

Finals Feb. 24

Highest Remaining Seed Will Host, 7 p.m.

CLASS 5A REGION 8

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No. 5 Clinton at No. 4 Dubuque Senior, 7 p.m.

Semifinals Feb. 21

Clinton/Dubuque Senior at No. 1 Kennedy, 7 p.m.
No. 3 Hempstead at No. 2 Cedar Falls, 7 p.m.

Finals Feb. 24

Highest Remaining Seed Will Host, 7 p.m.