

6 Metro teams could make playoffs

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Three Metro football teams have clinched spots in the football playoffs and three more Metro clubs are still alive heading into the final week of the regular season.

Washington and Linn-Mar have clinched Class 4A district titles and the Xavier Saints can win their Class 3A district crown with a victory over Marion Friday night.

Jefferson, Prairie and Kennedy are still in contention for Class 4A playoff spots heading into decisive contests.

The top-ranked Washington Warriors and sixth-ranked Linn-Mar Lions will be No. 1 seeds for the playoffs and will face a No. 4 seed in the opening round.

The fifth-ranked Xavier Saints are tied for first place in their district with Solon and Western Dubuque, but the Saints own the tiebreaker and will draw a No. 1 seed by topping Marion.

The Jefferson J-Hawks will make the playoffs if they upset Linn-Mar Friday night, but they can still make the field with a loss under two different scenarios, especially if Waterloo West knocks out Kennedy Friday.

It's possible that Jefferson, Kennedy and Waterloo West could all finish with 2-3 records in their district. Two of those three teams would make the playoffs, based on tiebreakers.

Kennedy enters the final week of the regular season with a 1-7 record, but the Cougars are alive because only district games count toward making the playoffs. They will make the playoffs if they beat Waterloo West, leaving Jefferson and Waterloo West in contention for the last playoff berth from that district.

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The Prairie Hawks can make the playoffs if they beat Ottumwa Friday night, but it could come down to a three-way tiebreaker and point differentials involving the Hawks, Ottumwa and Iowa City High.

Two-way ties are broken by head-to-head competition, but three-way ties involve the 13-point tiebreaker procedure that takes point differentials into consideration.

The playoff pairings will be announced after Friday night's games.

Week 9 district football standings

CLASS 4A DISTRICT 5

Overall	District
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Linn-Mar	7-1	4-0
Cedar Falls	6-2	3-1
Jefferson	4-4	2-2
Waterloo West	3-5	2-2
Kennedy	1-7	1-3
Waterloo East	0-8	0-4

Friday's Games

Jefferson at Linn-Mar
Waterloo West at Kennedy
Cedar Falls at Waterloo East

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CLASS 4A DISTRICT 6

Overall District

Washington	8-0	4-0
Muscatine	6-2	3-1
Ottumwa	5-3	2-2
Iowa City High	2-6	2-2
Prairie	3-5	1-3
Burlington	3-5	0-4

Friday's Games

Washington at Burlington

Muscatine at IC High

Ottumwa at Prairie

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 4

Overall District

Solon	7-1	4-1
Western Dubuque	5-3	4-1
Xavier	5-3	4-1
Dubuque Wahlert	3-5	3-2
DeWitt Central	4-4	2-3
Maquoketa	1-7	1-5
Marion	1-7	0-5

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Friday's Games

Marion at Xavier

Wahlert at Solon

DeWitt Central at Western Dubuque

Independence at Maquoketa

8-PLAYER DISTRICT 4

Overall District

Elkader Central	8-0	6-0
Turkey Valley	7-1	5-1
West Central	4-4	4-2
Lansing Kee	5-3	3-3
Midland Wyoming	3-5	3-3
Springville	3-5	2-4
Central City	1-7	1-5
Cedar Valley	1-7	0-6