

Xavier is one of two host sites for the 48th annual Bob Vrbicek Metro Tournament, which kicks off the high school baseball season for the Saints, the other six schools in the Cedar Rapids Metro and Mount Vernon.

Xavier Coach Bob Cataldo's team, which finished last season at 12-23-1, will host Marion at 7 p.m. on Monday, following the 5 p.m. contest between Jefferson and Washington at Ken Charipar Field.

Prairie is the other host site. Coach Todd Rima's Hawks, the defending Class 4A state champions, face a tough opener against traditional power Kennedy at 7 p.m. following a 4:30 p.m. contest between Mount Vernon and Linn-Mar.

Semifinal and consolation round games are set for Tuesday. The championship and third-place games will be Wednesday at Veterans Memorial Stadium with the fifth and seventh-place games to be played at Xavier.

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MONDAY, MAY 22
QUARTERFINALS

At Xavier
Jefferson vs. Washington, 5 p.m.
Marion vs. Xavier, 7 p.m.

At Prairie
Linn-Mar vs. Mt. Vernon, 4:30 p.m.
Kennedy vs. Prairie, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 23
SEMIFINALS

At Xavier
Monday's Xavier winners, 7 p.m.

At Prairie
Monday's Prairie winners, 7 p.m.

CONSOLATION ROUND
At Xavier

Monday's Xavier losers, 5 p.m.

At Prairie
Monday's Prairie losers, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Championship, 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium
Third-Place, 5 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium
Fifth-Place, 7 p.m. at Xavier
Seventh-Place, 5 p.m. at Xavier