

## Niemeier wins Metro Spotlight Award

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Brandon Niemeier of Cedar Rapids Kennedy is the winner of the Metro Spotlight Award for high school boys this week, the Metro Sports Report announced Sunday.

Niemeier, a 5-foot-11, 175-pound senior, has made a series of big plays for the Kennedy football team this month on its march to the championship game of the Class 4A playoffs.

Niemeier made a huge play in Kennedy's 31-14 victory over Bettendorf in the semifinals in the UNI-Dome Friday night. He intercepted a pass and raced 55 yards for a touchdown to give the Cougars a 23-14 lead with 8:30 left in the game.

Niemeier also made two interceptions when Kennedy topped Washington, 21-7, in the quarterfinals at Kingston Stadium on Friday, Nov. 6.

Niemeier plays the "hybrid" position on defense where he roams the field as a defensive end, linebacker and defensive back, depending on the defensive alignment.

The third-ranked Cougars (13-0) will meet top-ranked Dowling (12-0) in the Class 4A championship game this Friday at 7:06 p.m. in the UNI-Dome.