

Lions upend No.3 Hempstead for state berth

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DUBUQUE - The Linn-Mar girls soccer team got revenge against Dubuque Hempstead in the Class 3A regional finals Monday night and earned a trip to the state tournament with a 2-1 victory.

Linn-Mar will play an opening-round match at the 3A state tournament Thursday at Cownie Park in Des Moines.

Hempstead blanked Linn-Mar, 1-0, during the regular season at Linn-Mar, but the seventh-ranked Lions collected their biggest victory of the season Monday by trimming the third-ranked Mustangs in Dubuque.

Jensen Sevensing gave Linn-Mar a 1-0 lead, but Alesha Duccini tied the score for Hempstead.

Allie Noggle scored the game-winning goal for the Lions with assists from Sevensing and Olivia Garcia.

Linn-Mar will take a 15-4 record to the state tournament. Hempstead finished with a 15-4 mark.