



Class AAAAA State Football Tournament

QUARTERFINAL MATCHUPS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9



SOUTH QUADRANT



(6-4, #16 QRF)



(10-0, #2 QRF)

#4 CRETIN-DERHAM HALL VS. #1 OWATONNA | EASTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL | 1 P.M.

Cretin-Derham Hall's five-game winning streak will be put to the ultimate test as Owatonna enters the contest as one of just two undefeated teams in the Class AAAAA field. The Raiders haven't faced a team with a winning record in more than a month. Conversely, the Huskies have seen three teams that finished above .500 in the last five contests.



(7-3, #8 QRF)



(7-3, #9 QRF)

#2 CHANHASSEN VS. #3 ST. THOMAS ACADEMY | OSSEO HIGH SCHOOL | NOON

The Storm and Raiders will open this year's Class AAAAA state tournament with a rematch of last year's Prep Bowl finale. Both teams lost their all-state running back from 2023 to graduation and took a few lumps early on before eventually finding their footing down the stretch. Chanhassen endured one of the toughest schedules in Class AAAAA and is 7-1 in its last eight games.

NORTH QUADRANT



(8-2, #11 QRF)



(9-1, #4 QRF)

#4 MONTICELLO VS. #1 ELK RIVER | FOREST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL | 4 P.M.

Monticello is coming off its fifth shutout of the season and has held three additional opponents to seven or fewer points this season, but the Magic simply haven't met an offense of Elk River's caliber so far this season. Even for a program like Monti that is no stranger to how the Elks go about business, facing Elk River presents a formidable from both a physical and mental standpoint.



(10-0, #1 QRF)



(8-2, #3 QRF)

#2 ARMSTRONG VS. #3 ALEXANDRIA | MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL | 11 A.M.

The fact that the No. 1 and No. 3-ranked teams in the QRF are meeting in the state quarterfinals speaks volumes to the unique level of talent concentrated within the Northern quadrant of Class AAAAA. Because make no mistake about it, both the Falcons and Cardinals are on the short list of teams that could legitimately win the state title this year, and one of them will be going home Saturday.