

Breaking down the Detroit area high school football playoff brackets



Detroit Martin Luther King celebrates with the championship trophy after they defeated Walled Lake Western, 16-0, in their MHSAA Division 2 state final football game at Ford Field in Detroit, on Friday, November 25, 2016. (Mike Mulholland | MLive.com)

The brackets are set for the MHSAA high school football playoffs and there is a bounty of hopeful teams from the Metro Detroit area looking to capture a state championship. Here is an initial look at the brackets, including what the best opening-round games are in the area.

Game to watch: Saline travels to Canton

The toughest district in the state has to be District 2 in Region 2. Belleville (9-0), Canton (8-1) and Saline (8-1) are all in the same region. Belleville can take some solace that it drew Salem (5-4) to open but it can't be too comfortable knowing that it has to play the winner of the Saline at Canton game.

Canton is ranked 10th in Division 1 while Saline is ranked 6th. Oh, and Belleville is ranked 3rd. Canton runs the ball like made, per usual, and has many players capable of carrying the rock.

However, it is all about stopping Canton's Colin Troup in the run game. The kid has been running over defenses.

Canton and Saline have met in each of the last three years in the postseason, with Saline winning two of them, including last year's 37-31 win. This is the first time these two teams are meeting in the first round.