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# Woelfel: Softball Night in Bristol shows once again it's more than just the games

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## Playoff ponderings

The start of the postseason is fast approaching. Twenty District One Class 6A teams will begin postseason play on May 21 with 12 receiving first-round byes. Second-round games will be played May 23 and the quarterfinals on May 25. The semifinals and finals will, as usual be played on Tuesday and Thursday of the following week, May 29 and 31. Five of the 20 teams in the field will advance to the state tournament.

Through Thursday, Central Bucks South, Neshaminy, Hatboro-Horsham, and North Penn were the top four teams in the District One power rankings. Council Rock South was 11th, Council Rock North 12th, and Truman 18th. The playoff formula combines a team's won-loss record with records of its opponents plus records of defeated opponents. Every regular-season game is factored into the rankings.

In Class 4A Villa Joseph Marie, with a 5-6 record, is holding on to the fourth and last District One playoff spot, behind Villa Maria, Upper Perkiomen, and Nazareth Academy. The Class 4A semifinals will be played May 23.

In Class 2A Bristol, despite its 13-2 record, sits in second place behind Calvary Christian in what will be a four-team bracket come postseason. The Class 2A semifinals are set for May 22.

The Philadelphia Catholic League playoffs commence on May 14 with the preliminary round for teams placing seventh through 10th in the standings. Quarterfinal games are set for May 16. The semifinals are set for May 21 and the championship game for May 23.

And let's not overlook George School. The Cougars had won nine straight games through Thursday. The Friends School League semifinals are set for May 12 with the finals scheduled for May 15.

## Games to Watch:

Tuesday: Pennsbury at Council Rock South, 3:30 — The Golden Hawks, who have been playing some good softball, will try to strengthen their hold on a first-round bye in the District One tournament,

Saturday: George School vs. TBA, Friends School League semifinals — The Cougars have been playing some good softball despite fielding one of the youngest lineups in the area.