The 4A playoffs feature 12 seeds coming from a combined Regional across several leagues on the West side of the state. The Big Nine has two playoff seeds and the battle is between three teams. If Sunnyside wins and Eastmont beats Wenatchee, there is a three-way tie and a mini playoff will be held Saturday at Moses Lake. If Sunnyside and Wenatchee win, the Grizzlies are number two and W. Panthers are first. If Wenatchee wins and Sunnyside loses, they will still be 1-2 because Sunnyside beat Eastmont.

When the race to the state championship begins, it could be anyone’s race. Lake Stevens (AP1), Kennedy, Camas are the top three teams, but don’t count anyone out. Mead beat Ferris last week and could be a team to watch, although Chiawana coach, Steve Graff, has been here many times. Mead coach, Benji Sonnichsen is a Prosser graduate and was their head coach before taking charge of the Panthers. Graff is a Sunnyside grad and also was head coach at Pasco when they last won their state Championship. He was also at Dayton with Dave Spray.

**BIG NINE**

2 Playoff seeds to be decided.

**MCC/GSL**

Hanford (6-3) at Gonzaga Prep (6-2)

Mead (7-2) at Chiawana (8-1)

Hats off to Hanford coach, Brett Jay (River View) who is one game away from getting the Falcons into the state playoffs for only the second time since 1993. They have never played in the 4A state playoffs.

**COMBINED DISTRICT**. (Winners to state)

Tahoma (5-4) at Lake Stevens (9-0)

Mount Si (7-2) at Monroe (6-3)

Auburn-Riverside (8-1) at Bothell (7-2)

Sumner (5-4) at Eastlake (8-1)

North Creek (6-2) at Kennedy Catholic (8-0)

Mount Vernon (5-4) at Graham-Kapowsin (9-0)

Glacier Peak (7-2) at Kentwood (6-2)

Union (5-4) at Mount Rainier (7-1)

Auburn-Mountainview (4-5) at Puyallup (8-1)

Woodinville (8-1) at Emerald Ridge (6-3)

Olympia (4-5) at Camas (9-0)

Federal Way (7-1) at Skyview (7-2)

**Keep an eye on**: Sumner, Union. The Federal Way-Skyview matchup is intriguing.

**OUR TOP TEN**

1. Kennedy
2. Camas
3. Lake Stevens
4. Graham-Kapowsin
5. Puyallup
6. Chiawana
7. Woodinville
8. Bothell
9. Skyview
10. Gonzaga Prep

**RESPECT EM:** Eastlake (Could be a final 8), Mead, Mt. Si, Sumner, Wenatchee, Sunnyside.