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Watauga High Athletic Director Tom Wright announced Sunday night that the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference will cancel the rest of its regular-season games.

Inclement weather has created such a backlog on the schedule that Hibriten High was the only school to complete all of its 12 regular-season, conference games. The rest of the league was either one or two games shy of accomplishing that goal.

And with all that said and done, the NW3A/4A tournamment that was left in limbo last week, will now be held on Tuesday beginning with the higher seeds hosting first-round games. Both the WHS men's and women's teams are scheduled to play home games Tuesday night at Lentz-Eggers Gym.

The WHS women (9-11) are seeded fourth, and they are scheduled to play Fred T. Foard (10-13) in the opening round Tuesday at 4:30 pm in game one of a double-header. The WHS men (13-7) are seeded third, and they are scheduled to play South Caldwell (5-17) in game two.

The women's semi-finals will be played Wednesday and the men's semifinals will be played Thursday. The men's and women's finals will be played Friday night. All of those games will be played at Hickory.

But if WHS cannot play Tuesday night, then the tournament won't begin until Wednesday and WHS would move their scheduled games to a neutral sight to Hibriten High School in Lenior.

If that does occur, then the men's and women's semifinals would be played on Thursday and the finals for both the men and women would be played on Friday. The women's state playoffs begin February 22; the men's state playoffs begin February 23.

Our coverage of the NW3A/4A tournament begins at 4 pm Tuesday or Wednesday (depending on the weather) on Oldies 100.7 FM.