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- Walker gets rematch with Whitefield in Class A playoffs

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Whitefield Academy beat Walker 24-7 two weeks ago. Tonight, the Wolverines will get a second chance against the Wolfpack as they meet in the opening round of the Class A private school playoffs.
Jon-Michael Sullivan

Walker and Whitefield Academy will meet for the second time this season as they face off in the opening round of the Region 6A playoffs.

The Wolfpack (7-3), who finished 12th overall in the last power ratings, will face the Wolverines (5-5) who came in at No. 21. Whitefield beat Walker 24-7 two weeks ago, which broke a three-game losing streak against the Wolverines.

“Coach Casper came away from that game thinking it was their worst performance so far this year,” Whitefield coach John Hunter said. “They are a well-coached team with some talented ball players and I think they have worked hard this season. For us to do well, we are going to have to make sure we remember our fundamentals and keep the ball safe.”

Whitefield is back to the playoffs for the first time since 2009, and the Wolfpack will be hosting a postseason game for the first time since 2008.

“The team is super pumped about it,” Hunter said. “For us, we feel that playing at home is an advantage because we are used to this setting and environment and it’s comforting. It’s routine for this team so I believe it will help us.”

Walker is back in the playoffs for the second straight season, and it is the first time the Wolverines have made the postseason in back-to-back years.

Joseph Vose has led the Wolverines offense this season, with 877 yards passing, seven touchdowns and 918 yards rushing. Robert Wood has also added to the Walker offense with 405 yards rushing.

“It’s just another game for us and we celebrate as a team and community as far as getting into the playoffs. Whitefield is playing really well right now and we are excited to have an opportunity to play them and play better,” Walker coach Matt Casper said. “We have to eliminate our mistakes with the procedural issues on offense and as a coach. Field position really hurt us last game and we have to fix our average field position.”