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Quarter Finals:

Now I don't have a crystal ball, but there are some potentially interesting match ups in the next round:

#1 Carmel may see either **#8 Westfield** or **#9 Zionsville**. Carmel handled them both by 10 or more earlier in the season and they have the easiest path to the final 4, as the **#1** seed should.

#4 Culver will likely see **#5 Guerin Catholic**, although I'm not ruling out **#12 Bishop Chatard** exactly. However, Guerin-Culver match up is very interesting. They did not play each other this year but stylistically I think they match up well. Guerin is a defensively stout team with a couple of exceptional defensemen and Culver's offense relies heavily on a couple players. If the match ups line up right this could be a really good game. They both have strong goaltending, as well. The edge may go to Culver at the faceoff x giving them the potential to control the game. But don't count out Guerin.

#2 Cathedral will see the winner of the St. Joseph's – Crown Point game. So the Irish will have to take on another northern team to make it to the Final 4 again. Cathedral already dispatched St. Joe on April 21, by a score of 16-5 and has not seen Crown Point. But the travel to Cathedral and the home field advantage may be too much for either of them.

#3 Hamilton Southeastern will likely see Brebeuf Jesuit. This may be a trap game for the HSE Royals. Hamilton Southeastern may be comfortable with their earlier victory over the Braves on May 11, 16-10. A confident Brebeuf team, coming off their overtime game with Culver may be peaking at the right time.

FINAL FOUR:

Assuming the four top seeds make it that far, which is not a sure thing, the potential for a fantastic final four is in the making. Each of these teams has beaten each other with no game between them being more than a 2-goal differential. There was one overtime game and two others were decided within the last :05 seconds. In this particular incarnation of the IHSLA playoffs, the two lower seeds have already defeated the two higher seeds. So anyone can beat anyone on any given day. It's awesome!!

Potential Semi-Final match ups:

#1 Carmel Vs #4 Culver: Culver won the regular season game, at Culver 17-15, on May 3. But you pick 'em.

#2 Cathedral Vs. #3 Hamilton Southeastern: The regular season match up between these two was probably one of the most exciting games I have ever seen in high school lacrosse. Hamilton Southeastern trailed the whole game on May 8. The fourth quarter was a flurry of goals by both teams with HSE scoring at the horn to win 12-11. The home field advantage will go to the Royals, but the Irish had the home field last game and it didn't quite work out. Either way this could be another great one.

Potential Championship match ups:

Here's what we may be looking at:

Carmel Vs. Cathedral: On May 18, Carmel scored with :05 on the clock to win 7-6.

Cathedral Vs. Culver: On April 25, Cathedral beat Culver 10-9 in overtime.

Culver Vs. HSE: On May 12, Culver beat HSE 8-7, at Culver.

Carmel Vs. HSE: On April 13, Carmel beat HSE 12-10, at Carmel.

No matter how you look at it, this is fixing to be a great playoff year with some excellent games. I really don't know who will win it all. But I can't wait to find out!

Good Luck to all the Teams!!!