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STLCC-Meramec Set To Host Region XVI Baseball Tourney

For the first time in over a decade, the STLCC-Meramec baseball team and coach Tony Dattoli will play host to the Division I Region XVI Tournament with action starting on Wednesday, May 6 and concluding either on May 9 or 10.

Meramec is the fourth seed of the eight team pack, finishing 13-13 in regional play during the regular season, and 28-28 overall. The Magic will play fifth seed Mineral Area in the opening round on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Meramec won three of four games against Mineral Area in the regular season. The Cardinals are 21-31 overall.

The Magic will start right-hander David Williams (Maplewood). Williams is 4-4 on the season with a 3.69 ERA. Williams has fanned 74 batters over 63 innings. He’ll be opposed by lefthander Aaron Blunt with a 3-8 record but an excellent 2.70 ERA. Blunt has struck out 54 batters over 63 innings.

Maplewoods of Kansas City, where reigning National League MVP Albert Pujols played in 1999, is the one seed. They’ll face eighth seed North Central (Trenton, MO) at 2:00 May 6. Second seeded Crowder plays seven seed Three Rivers (Poplar Bluff, MO) at 4:30. Rounding out the field is third seeded Jefferson College. They’ll take on sixth seeded St. Charles at 11:30.

The sole undefeated team in the winner’s bracket will play a team that advances with just one loss in the championship game on Saturday, May 9 at 2:30. If the loser’s bracket team wins that game, a final title game would be played on Sunday, May 10 at 1:00. Leading up to the championship game, all contests are seven innings. The title game(s) are nine innings.