

If history is to repeat itself there will be at least one higher seeded team knocked out of the playoffs in the first round of 2009 class AA boys soccer. There has been a common trend since 2007 that a team ranked 9 or lower has eliminated the higher seeded match-up in their first playoff game.

In 2007, Valley Stream Central⁽⁹⁾ defeated Oceanside⁽⁸⁾ and Herricks⁽¹⁰⁾ defeated Freeport⁽⁷⁾. In 2008, Bellmore Kennedy⁽⁹⁾ knocked off Calhoun⁽⁸⁾ and Carey⁽¹¹⁾ defeated Valley Stream Central⁽⁶⁾. Most of these match-ups were tight games where the outcome was determined by only one goal. However, the end result was the same where the higher seeded team's season ended a little earlier than their opponent's season.

Although these underdog teams were eliminated in the second round, they gave their quarter-final match-ups a run for their money. The closest game was in 2008 when Bellmore-Kennedy played Massapequa. At the end of regulation the score remained 0-0. The teams played in overtime and fought valiantly to the end of extra time only to realize that the fate of the season would come down to penalty kicks. And if the game was not exciting enough, the penalty kicks ended 5-3 in Massapequa favor.

So if you are looking for some great soccer, close match-ups, and maybe even an upset, check out first round action of the Nassau County Boys Soccer. You can find a link to the brackets [here](#). Enjoy!