

Saints boys start soccer season ranked No. 1

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Defending state champion Xavier is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 2A in the preseason boys soccer poll released by the Iowa High School Soccer Coaches Association.

The Metro has three teams ranked in the top 15 in Class 3A. Kennedy is No. 3, Washington No. 6 and Linn-Mar No. 15. Prairie was among the teams receiving votes.

Defending state champion Iowa City West and intracity rival Iowa City High are ranked 1-2 in Class 3A. The Trojans beat the Little Hawks in last year's state title game. Kennedy was third. Seven of the eight teams that qualified for last year's state tournament are ranked in the top eight.

Despite graduating three first team all-staters, Xavier received all nine first-place votes in the 2A poll. Mississippi Valley Conference foe Dubuque Wahlert is ranked No. 2. The Saints beat Wahlert in last year's championship game.

Defending champion Iowa City Regina is No. 1 in 1A.

IHSSCA TOP 15
(First-place votes in parentheses)

Class 3A

1. Iowa City West (8), 2. Iowa City High, 3. C.R. Kennedy, 4. W.D.M. Valley, 5. Ankeny, 6. C.R. Washinton, 7. Johnston, 8. D.M. Roosevelt, 9. Bettendorf, 10. Pleasant Valley, 11. Urbandale, 12. Cedar Falls, 13. Muscatine, 14. Ames, 15. Linn-Mar.

Others receiving votes -- W.D.M. Dowling, Sioux City East, C.R. Prairie, D.M. Hoover.

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Class 2A

1. C.R. Xavier (9), 2. Dubuque Wahlert, 3. Decorah, 4. Sioux City Heelan, 5. Glenwood, 6. Norwalk, 7. Keokuk, 8. Knoxville, 9. Ballard, 10. A-D-M, 11. (tie) Hudson and Grinnell, 13. Harlan, 14. Spencer, 15. Pella.

Others receiving votes -- Dallas Center-Grimes, Fairfield.

Class 1A

1. Iowa City Regina (7), 2. Fort Madison Holy Trinity, 3. Council Bluffs St. Albert, 4. Solon, 5. Gilbert, 6. Iowa Mennonite, 7. Waterloo Columbus, 8. Dyersville Beckman, 9. Clear Lake, 10. Unity Christian, 11. Albia, 12. (tie) Bondurant-Farrar and Burlington Notre Dame, 14. Oakland Riverside, 15. Postville.

Others receiving votes -- Monticello, Cono Christian, Tri-Center Neola, D.M. Christian.

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