Xavier girls soccer ranked No. 1, too

The Xavier girls soccer team is ranked No. 1 in Class 2A in the preseason rankings released Friday by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

The Saints' boys soccer team also is ranked No. 1 to start the season.

Xavier won the last five Class 1A titles, but has been moved up to 2A this season as the IGHSAU expands from two to three classes.

Four Metro teams are ranked in the top 15 in Class 3A. Linn-Mar is No. 4, Kennedy No. 8, Jefferson No. 11 and Washington No. 14.

West Des Moines Valley, which won the Class 2A title last season, is ranked No. 1 in Class 3A. Iowa City West is No. 2.

LaPorte City Union, which was beaten in last year's 1A final by Xavier, is ranked No. 1 in Class 1A. Dubuque Wahlert is No. 2.

The girls soccer season opens April 4. The Metro Jamboree is April 5 at Kingston Stadium.

IGHSAU SOCCER RANKINGS

Class 3A

1. W.D.M. Valley, 2. Iowa City West, 3. Bettendorf, 4. Linn-Mar, 5. Johnston, 6. Ankeny, 7. Urbandale, 8. C.R. Kennedy, 9. Sioux City North, 10. W.D.M. Dowling, 11. C.R. Jefferson, 12. Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, 13. Cedar Falls, 14. C.R. Washington, 15. Ames.

Class 2A

1. C.R. Xavier, 2. Pleasant Valley, 3. Waverly-Shell Rock, 4. North Scott, 5. Glenwood, 6. Waukee, 7. Lewis Central, 8. Pella, 9. D.M. Hoover, 10. Sioux City East, 11. Newton, 12. Norwalk, 13. Independence, 14. Nodaway Valley/WCV/AC, 15. A-D-M.

Class 1A

1. Union, 2. Dubuque Wahlert, 3. Nevada, 4. Davenport Assumption, 5. Sioux City Heelan, 6. Waterloo Columbus, 7. Dallas Center-Grimes, 8. Denver, 9. Solon, 10. Center Point-Urbana, 11. Gilbert, 12. Council Bluffs St. Albert, 13. Iowa City Regina, 14. Maquoketa, 15. Pella Christian.