Saints climb to No. 3 in rankings

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The Xavier Saints jumped one spot to No. 3 in the new Class 3A boys basketball rankings Monday afternoon by the Associated Press.

The Saints (9-2) went 2-1 last week, with victories over Dubuque Hempstead and Iowa City High and a loss to Class 4A power Dowling Catholic.

The Linn-Mar Lions (7-3) fell two spots to No. 8 in the Class 4A rankings. The Lions split two games last week, beating Dubuque Senior and falling to Iowa City West.

Pella is ranked No. 1 in Class 3A and West Des Moines Valley is ranked No. 1 in Class 4A this week.

CLASS 3A

1. Pella (11-1), 2. Dubuque Wahlert (9-3), 3. Xavier (9-2), 4. Spirit Lake (11-2), 5. Harlan (10-2), 6. Waverly-Shell Rock (10-3), 7. Glenwood (10-3), 8. Sioux City Heelan (9-4), 9. Chariton (11-1), 10. MOC-Floyd Valley (9-3).

CLASS 4A

1. West Des Moines Valley (12-0), 2. Pleasant Valley (12-0), 3. Des Moines Hoover (10-1), 4. lowa City West (8-3), 5. Council Bluffs Lincoln (11-1), 6. Ankeny (10-2), 7. Dowling Catholic (9-2), 8. Linn-Mar (7-3), 9. Ankeny Centennial (9-2), 10. Ames (8-3).