

J-Hawks finish regular season ranked No. 4

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Cedar Rapids Jefferson heads into postseason play with the No. 4 ranking in Class 5A softball, according to the final polls released Thursday by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

Jefferson completed the regular season with a 35-5 record, that included a 25-1 record in Mississippi Valley Conference games. The J-Hawks split a season-opening doubleheader with Iowa City West, then ran off 24 straight MVC wins.

Iowa City West (33-6) is ranked ninth.

Ankeny (34-6) is ranked No. 1, followed by West Des Moines Valley (29-5) and Muscatine (34-5).

Jefferson does not play until the regional semifinals on Saturday, when the J-Hawks face either Cedar Falls or Waterloo West. If they win that game they advance to the regional final on July 10 against either No. 10 Davenport West (29-10) or Davenport Central.

IGHSAU SOFTBALL RANKINGS

Final

CLASS 5A

1. Ankeny 34-6
2. WDM Valley 29-5
3. Muscatine 34-5
4. CR Jefferson 35-5
5. Pleasant Valley 30-6
6. DM East 29-5
7. Waukee 32-8
8. Ottumwa 37-7
9. Iowa City West 33-6

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10. Davenport West 29-10

CLASS 4A

1. Clear Creek Amana 39-1
2. Dallas Center-Grimes 31-5
3. Carlisle 30-8
4. Indianola 26-11
5. Creston 28-7
6. Winterset 27-13
7. Washington, Iowa 29-7
8. North Scott 24-16
9. SC Heelan 29-6
10. Glenwood 25-9
11. Sergeant Bluff-Luton 28-10
12. Keokuk 24-13
13. Charles City 26-9
14. Denison-Schleswig 28-8
15. Harlan 30-9