Linn-Mar girls crack top 10

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It took new head coach Jaime (Printy) Brandt two games to steer the Linn-Mar girls basketball team into the top 10 of the Class 5A rankings.

The Lions (2-0) moved into the No. 9 spot in the new rankings this week by the IGHSAU. Linn-Mar was not ranked when the season began.

The Kennedy Cougars (2-0) remained No. 8 in Class 5A. The Xavier Saints (2-1) improved one spot to No. 13 in Class 4A.

Dowling topped the 5A rankings and Harlan led the 4A poll.

CLASS 5A

1. Dowling (2-1), 2. Southeast Polk (2-0), 3. Waukee (1-0), 4. West Des Moines Valley (1-0), 5. Iowa City West (3-0), 6. Johnston (3-0), 7. Ankeny Centennial (1-0), 8. Kennedy (2-0), 9. Linn-Mar (2-0), 10. Mason City (2-1).

CLASS 4A

1. Harlan (1-0), 2. Carlisle (4-0), 3. North Scott (1-0), 4. Western Dubuque (2-0), 5. Perry (1-0), 6. Ballard (2-0), 7. Sioux City Heelan (0-0), 8. Keokuk (3-0), 9. Davenport Assumption (0-2), 10. Indianola (3-0), 11. Waverly-Shell Rock (1-0), 12. Lewis Central (2-0), 13. Xavier (2-1), 14. West Delaware (2-0), 15. Pella (1-1).