

Saints, J-Hawks hold onto rankings

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The softball teams from Xavier and Jefferson held onto their spots in this week's Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union rankings.

Xavier (20-6) is ranked seventh in Class 4A, Jefferson (23-7) is No.9 in Class 5A.

Prairie dropped out of the Class 5A rankings and was replaced by Mississippi Valley Conference member Dubuque Hempstead at No.10.

There were changes at the top of the Class 5A and 4A polls. Muscatine (25-3) moved up two spots to No.1 in the Class 5A poll. Ottumwa (22-4) fell one spot to No.2 and Pleasant Valley (21-7) dropped a place to No.3. Ottumwa plays at Jefferson on Friday at 5:45 p.m. and faces Prairie at Solon on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Unbeaten LeMars (27-0) moved up two spots to No.1 in Class 4A. Solon (27-2) fell one spot to No.3. Winterset, which was ranked No.1, dropped to No.8.

Prairie also plays Solon on Saturday at 8 p.m.

IGHSAU SOFTBALL RANKINGS (Records through June 26)

CLASS 5A

1. Muscatine (25-3), 2. Ottumwa (22-4), 3. Pleasant Valley (21-7), 4. Dubuque Senior (24-4), 5. Waukee (19-8), 6. WDM Dowling (23-6), 7. WDM Valley (17-9), 8. Ankeny (21-8), 9. CR Jefferson (23-7), 10. Dubuque Hempstead (24-5)

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CLASS 4A

1. LeMars (27-0), 2. Dallas Center-Grimes (26-4), 3. Solon (27-2), 4. Carlisle (23-5), 5. Indianola (22-6), 6. Ballard (19-6), 7. CR Xavier (20-6), 8. Winterset (22-6), 9. Norwalk (26-3), 10. Benton (22-3), 11. Waverly-Shell Rock (12-7), 12. Webster City (19-6), 13. North Scott (17-10), 14. Oskaloosa (16-5), 15. Harlan (18-6)

CLASS 3A

1. West Burlington/Notre Dame (24-2), 2. Sergeant Bluff-Luton (24-3), 3. Mid-Prairie (21-7), 4. East Marshall (21-3), 5. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley (18-2), 6. Bondurant-Farrar (19-9), 7. Monticello (21-4), 8. Iowa Falls-Alden (20-6), 9. Interstate-35 (16-4), 10. Crestwood (18-4), 11. Central Springs (17-2), 12. Clarke (20-6), 13. Center Point-Urbana (19-8), 14. Cascade (21-5), 15. Northeast (17-8)

CLASS 2A

1. North Union (25-2), 2. Treynor (21-3), 3. Durant (23-4), 4. Highland (24-3), 5. Sumner-Fredericksburg (22-2), 6. Fort Dodge St. Edmond (18-5), 7. Woodbury Central (21-5), 8. AGWSR (18-6), 9. BCLUW (18-8), 10. Jesup (20-7), 11. George-Little Rock/Central Lyon (18-4), 12. Eddyville-Blakesburg (20-6), 13. Lawton-Bronson (18-7), 14. Alburnett (19-12), 15. Hinton (15-5)

CLASS 1A

1. Martensdale-St. Marys (21-0), 2. Akron-Westfield (24-2), 3. Clarksville (16-1), 4. Newell-Fonda (25-5), 5. Lynnville-Sully (25-4), 6. Don Bosco (21-8), 7. Earlham (22-5), 8. Remsen St. Mary's (21-6), 9. West Bend-Mallard (18-3), 10. New London (22-7), 11. Lisbon (19-10), 12. Bellevue Marquette (18-8), 13. Twin Cedars (20-7), 14. Mason City Newman (15-7), 15. Sigourney (14-5)