Ives powers Saints to state tourney

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Katie Ives poured in four goals Monday evening as the Xavier Saints rolled by Independence, 7-0, in the regional finals of the Class 2A soccer tournament at Xavier.

The fifth-ranked Saints (9-7) will play in the quarterfinals of the Class 2A state tournament Thursday at Cownie Park in Des Moines.

Ives scored the first three goals of the game in the first half to point Xavier in the right direction. Elena Minor scored two goals for the Saints and Lizzy Bailey also found the net.

Minor, Sydney Wright, Ellie Fischer, Grace McDermott and Brylee Bastain collected assists for Xavier.

The Saints had 18 shots on goal. Independence (11-11) did not fire a single shot on goal in the entire match.