

Xavier softball clipped by No. 1 Carlisle

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CARLISLE - The Xavier Saints lost to top-ranked Carlisle, 10-2, in the Class 4A regional finals in Carlisle Tuesday night.

Carlisle advances to the Class 4A state softball tournament in Fort Dodge next week with a 36-6 record. The Saints ended their season with an 18-25 record.

Carlisle was the visiting team on its own field after losing the coin flip and they took a quick 1-0 lead when leadoff batter Agatha Beier smacked a home run. Carlisle scored another run in the top of the first for a 2-0 lead.

Xavier battled right back in the bottom of the first when Charlotte Richards got a base hit and Katie Langholz belted a two-run homer to right-center field to tie the game, 2-2.

It was still tied 2-2 after two innings, but Carlisle scored two runs in the third inning for a 4-2 lead and began pulling away from there.

Langholz went 2-for-3 for the Saints.

Xavier won two road games in the regional tournament, beating Vinton-Shellsburg in the quarterfinals and topping Pella in the semifinals.