

Washington 7th in 1st girls basketball poll

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Cedar Rapids Washington is ranked seventh and Xavier and Kennedy are 11th and 12th, respectively, in the Class 4A preseason girls basketball poll released Friday by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

Washington lost four starters from last year's state tournament qualifier, but the Warriors return their second-leading scorer, Jazz Royster.

Kennedy is the only team ranked in the top 15 that had a losing record last year. The Cougars were 9-14, but return third team all-stater Courtney Strait, who averaged 15.7 points per game.

Xavier returns two starters -- seniors Annie Dale and Emily Walvoord -- from last year's team that lost to Linn-Mar in the regional final.

Iowa City West is ranked No. 1 in Class 4A. The Women of Troy lost in last year's state championship game to Des Moines East.

The other top-ranked teams are Williamsburg in Class 3A, OA-BCIG in 2A and North Mahaska in 1A. OA-BCIG is the defending champ in 2A.

IGHSAU PRESEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL POLL (2010-11 record in parentheses)

CLASS 4A

1. Iowa City West (23-3)
2. SE Polk (23-3)
3. Ankeny (20-4)
4. Mason City (19-6)
5. Waukee (19-6)
6. Ames (13-8)
7. CR Washington (19-4)

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8. WDM Dowling (18-5)
9. Muscatine (13-10)
10. Lewis Central (20-3)
11. CR Xavier (15-8)
12. CR Kennedy (9-14)
13. Iowa City High (17-6)
14. WDM Valley (13-9)
15. Ottumwa (14-9)

CLASS 3A

1. Williamsburg (20-4)
2. South Tama (22-3)
3. Dubuque Wahlert (15-8)
4. Sergeant Bluff-Luton (23-3)
5. Davenport Assumption (25-2)
6. Benton Community (20-5)
7. MOC-Floyd Valley (25-1)
8. Glenwood (16-6)
9. Washington (18-6)
10. SC Heelan (15-9)
11. Union (16-7)
12. Bondurant-Farrar (20-3)
13. Spirit Lake (15-7)
14. Waverly-Shell Rock (20-4)
15. Centerville (16-7)

CLASS 2A

1. OA-BCIG (26-0)
2. Estherville-Lincoln Central (23-5)
3. Carroll Kuemper (20-5)
4. IKM-Manning (19-5)
5. West Hancock (25-2)
6. Monticello (25-2)
7. Pella Christian (20-5)
8. Panorama (20-3)
9. Fort Dodge St. Edmond (17-3)
10. Lawton-Bronson (18-7)
11. Manson NW Webster (21-3)
12. Mediapolis (17-4)
13. Western Christian (19-5)
14. Van Buren (21-3)
15. West Burlington (19-3)

CLASS 1A

1. North Mahaska (23-3)
2. Bedford (21-5)

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3. Ar-We-Va (24-3)
4. North Butler (19-3)
5. North Tama (20-4)
6. Tripoli (23-2)
7. LeMars Gehlen (16-6)
8. Newell-Fonda (14-11)
9. West Sioux (17-8)
10. Lynnville-Sully (20-5)
11. Adair-Casey (18-4)
12. Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn (18-6)
13. Central Lyon (17-6)
14. Iowa Christian Academy (14-7)
15. Martensdale-St. Marys (26-2)