

5 Metro athletes named all-state in boys soccer

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Five Metro athletes have been selected first team all state the Iowa High School Soccer Coaches Association announced Sunday.

Kennedy brothers Gareth and Gabe Christianson, Washington's Brandon Besong, and Xavier's Zach Smith and Chad Gilmer all were first team selections. The Christianson brothers and Besong were picked for the Class 3A team, Smith and Gilmer for the Class 2A team.

Gareth Christianson, a senior, was the Metro's leading scorer with 27 goals. Junior Gabe Christianson, the Gatorade Iowa male soccer player of the year, scored 15 goals and had 26 assists. Both were playing their first season of high school soccer after coming up through the junior ranks.

Besong, a senior, scored four goals and had 15 assists.

Smith and Gilmer were high scorers on Xavier's Class 2A state championship team. Smith, a senior who missed the postseason because of a knee injury, had 12 goals and 10 assists and was named the Valley Division player of the year in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Gilmer, a junior, led the Saints with 14 goals and 11 assists.

Xavier also had two second team selections in seniors Tim Bouchard and Michael Tessmer.

Washington goalkeeper Camron Harrison was a second team choice in Class 3A.

IHSSA ALL-STATE TEAMS

CLASS 3A

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First Team

Brandon Besong - CR Washington
Tyler Chavez - Iowa City High
Gabe Christianson - CR Kennedy
Garet Christianson - CR Kennedy
Cameron Duckworth - Waukee
Austin Hayden - WDM Valley
Logan Marvin - WDM Dowling
JD McCullough - Iowa City High
Tyler Neumann - Johnston
Tanner Schilling - Iowa City West
Brandon Visonnavong - WDM Valley
Goalkeeper: Alden Haffar - WDM Valley

Second Team

Jon Choda - Waukee
Tyler Cruikshank - Marshalltown
TJ Dippel - Pleasant Valley
Ryan Hamby - Bettendorf
Mark Hentschel - WDM Dowling
Fernando Pacheco - Iowa City High
Dylan Patterson - WDM Valley
Hasib Stitkovac - DM Hoover
Eric Williams - WDM Valley
Jake Zenk - WDM Dowling
Goalkeeper: Camron Harrison - CR Washington

CLASS 2A

First Team

Connor Adamson - Norwalk

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Grant Barrick - Pella
Tukker Bogaard - Pella
Nick Cook - Grinnell
Jordan Ferch - Grinnell
Chad Gilmer - CR Xavier
Sam Koenig - Dubuque Wahlert
Dylan Schrader - Knoxville
Zach Smith - CR Xavier
Jonah Waldron - Adel
Goalkeeper: Robert Woodle - Knoxville

Second Team

Pauly Apostolopoulos - Pella
Zubeen Azari - Spirit Lake
Nick Bobst - Norwalk
Tim Bouchard - CR Xavier
Steve Gutschenritter - Glenwood
John Krause - Ballard
Jake Reiter - Hudson
Osvaldo Rodriguez - Perry
Michael Tessmer - CR Xavier
Trent Wendt - Harlan
Goalkeeper: Matt Schulz - Glenwood

CLASS 1A

First Team

Max Alberhasky - Solon
Adam Bengfort - Davenport Assumption
Nick Hauenstein - Nevada
Marshal Keohn - Solon
Daniel Larew - IC Regina
Ryan Lynch - IC Regina
Zach Pechous - IC Regina

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Ben Rector - Holy Trinity

Derek Rockwell - Albia

Johnny Rummelhart - IC Regina

Goalkeeper: Michael Goerdt - Waterloo Columbus

Second Team

Brady Anderson - Albia

Mike Becker - Davenport Assumption

Jake Beste - Gilbert

Ty Borton - Nevada

Nick Day - Solon

Wesley Gudenkauf - Dyersville Beckman

Par Maw - Waterloo Columbus

Austin McMahon - Tri-Center

John Nicholson - Iowa Mennonite

Stevie O'Neill - CB St. Albert

Goalkeeper: Robbie Sylvester - Bondurant-Farrar