

# DIVISION IV PRESEASON RANKINGS - 2017

1		<b>PECATONICA</b> VIKINGS	Hall of Fame coach Jim Strommen brings back the majority of his squad that lost just two games last season. Picked to defend their Six Rivers East title.
2		<b>RIB LAKE</b> REDMEN	Two-thirds of the starters and half the pitching staff return for the State runner-up and Hall of Fame coach Dick Iverson. Picked to win the Marawood North.
3		<b>JOHNSON CREEK</b> BLUEJAYS	The Blue Jays won 15 games last season playing a very tough schedule. Three-quarters of the roster returns to the Creek in 2017.
4		<b>RIVERDALE</b> CHIEFTAINS	Six starters return to a club that won 19 games in 2016 including two 1st Team All-Conference picks.
5		<b>PITTSVILLE</b> PANTHERS	Coach Bill Urban enters the Hall of Fame the same year as he fields one of his best teams in Center City. Will battle D3 Stratford and Marathon for MSC title.
6		<b>DE SOTO</b> PIRATES	Three of the Pirates six starters were named 1st Team All-Conference last year making them picked as the team to beat in the Ridge & Valley.
7		<b>THORP</b> CARDINALS	Thorp fields one of its best clubs in decades as they will battle D3 Regis and D2 Altoona for Western Cloverbelt championship.
8		<b>ALMOND-BANCROFT</b> EAGLES	One of four very solid teams in the CWC-10. Ended Rosholt's long run of conference titles last year and is looking for another.
9		<b>ROSHOLT</b> HORNETS	Hall of Fame coach Jack Brooks will have his players ready to wrestle back the CWC-10 title that they see as their birthright.
10		<b>WEBSTER</b> TIGERS	Former MLB pitcher and Webster native Jarrod Washburn has two sons and also a ton of young talent on a team that slid into DIV in 2017 after years in DIII.
11		<b>GRESHAM</b> WILDCATS	The third of three CWC-10 teams to be ranked, the conference is that competitive and that good. Return all their pitching from last year's 16-win team.
12		<b>LOYAL</b> GREYHOUNDS	Won their first East Cloverbelt title in decades. Lost over half of their roster to graduation but will still be very good.
13		<b>ATHENS</b> BLUEJAYS	The Blue Jays return all of their pitching back and are picked to challenge Rib Lake for the Marawood North title.
14		<b>HIGHLAND</b> CARDINALS	The Cardinals are reset to reclaim the Six Rivers West but will be challenged by D3 Shullsburg-Benton. Coach Terry Cool has pitching depth, critical, especially in D4.
15		<b>PRAIRIE FARM</b> PANTHERS	The Panthers will have a deep and talented pitching staff led by Jordan Siebert. Low numbers and loss of team speed are concerns.
16		<b>GREEN BAY NEW LUTHERAN</b> BLAZERS	The Blazers made a trip to State after years of struggling in the mostly D3 Packerland. Won't be surprising anybody this year.
17		<b>ITHACA</b> BULLDOGS	The defending State Champs lost a lot to graduation but not all as four starters return. Will have to hold off De Soto if they want to defend their Ridge & Valley title.
18		<b>EAU CLAIRE IMMANUEL</b> LANCERS	Immanuel Lutheran returns junior pitcher Levi Schaller who won nine games. He's a big reason why the Lancers are picked to win the Dairyland.
19		<b>BANGOR</b> CARDINALS	Picked to win the Scenic Bluffs, the Cardinals return two pitchers with lots of varsity experience.
20		<b>BARNEVELD</b> GOLDEN EAGLES	Will battle Pecatonica for the Six Rivers East. The Golden Eagles return at least six starters from last season.

**ALSO RECEIVING VOTES: PEPIN-ALMA, HURLEY, CLEAR LAKE, WILD ROSE, LIVING WORD LUTHERAN, FLORENCE, CHIPPEWA FALLS MCDONELL, OWEN-WITHEE**  
- SEVERAL DIV COACHES CONTRIBUTED TO THIS POLL -