

DIVISION IV PRESEASON RANKINGS 2020

1		IOLA-SCANDINAVIA THUNDERBIRDS	Thunderbirds bring back five starters and a deep pitching staff including Connor Kurki, who is one of the state's best at any level.
2		BOYCEVILLE BULLDOGS	Went to State in DIII last spring and return entire roster. Solid pitching staff and one of the state's best catchers in junior Trett Joles.
3		JOHNSON CREEK BLUEJAYS	Won 23 games last year enroute to winning Trailways East and return top three pitchers. This could be the year they go all the way.
4		BARNEVELD GOLDEN EAGLES	With everybody back from last year's 16-4 team, poised to stop Pecatonica's five-year run on Six Rivers East titles.
5		ROSHOLT HORNETS	HOF coach Jack Brooks has his Hornets dominating the Central Wisconsin South once again. Biggest challenge will come from son Brett's Wild Rose Wildcats.
6		RIB LAKE REDMEN	Another Hall of Fame coach who has rebuilt his team. This looks like the year that Athens gives up its title with an experienced and talented Rib Lake team ready to roll.
7		EDGAR WILDCATS	Wildcats have been improving the past three years with young talent. Now experienced, they will challenge Stratord in the Marawood South and could go deep in the tourney.
8		GREENWOOD INDIANS	Back on top of Cloverbelt East and return six starters to a team that also won a Regional title in 2019.
9		WILD ROSE WILDCATS	Not unusual for the Central Wisconsin South to be a family affair. Coach Brett Brooks and his boys look to knock off dad's club off the top. Will meet in the tourney, again.
10		CRIVITZ WOLVERINES	Wolverines have been stuck behind DIII Coleman in the M&O and though picked 2nd again, have a talented team that could break through this year.
11		WAUZIEKA-STEUBEN HORNETS	The Hornets feature one of the best athletes in southwestern Wisconsin in Carter Lomas. He alone would make them a favorite to win a conference title, but he has a lot of help.
12		BANGOR CARDINALS	The Cardinals rose to the top of the Scenic Bluffs once again 2019 and plan on staying there in 2020. With many starters returning, they'd like to make a run in the tourney, too.
13		BELMONT BRAVES	Went to State last year and could do it again with the majority of their roster returning. Favored to win the Six Rivers West, which they last won in 2016.
14		ITHACA BULLDOGS	Will battle Wauzeka, Weston and DeSoto in the Ridge and Valley. Winning tradition is Bulldog's greatest strength.
15		WEBSTER TIGERS	Coach Jarrod Washburn still has son, Owen, left who was 2nd Team All-State. Will try to defend Lakeland West title over Saint Croix Falls.
16		WESTON EAGLES	Third team that will fight it out in the Ridge and Valley. Return many players from a team that learned how to win last year.
17		PACELLI CARDINALS	Coach Sankey closing in on 400th career win as his Cardinals try to upend good friends, the Brooks', in what will be a great race in the Central Wisconsin South.
18		EAU CLAIRE IMMANUEL LANCERS	Veteran coach Joe Lau has a squad that could challenge for the Dairyland title in 2020 and will be heavy favorites to win their Regional.
19		DEERFIELD DEMONS	Will be Johnson Creek's biggest challenger in Trailways East. Demons have an experienced team that return five starters from a team that won a Regional last season.
20		GIBRALTAR VIKINGS	Veteran coach Jay Kita brings back four starters and a veteran pitching staff that took Athens to the wire in the Sectional Finals last season.

ALSO RECEIVING VOTES: BURLINGTON CATHOLIC CENTRAL, OAKFIELD, SOLON SPRINGS-NORTHWOOD, THORP, BUTTERNUT-MERCER, THREE LAKES-PHELPS, ARGYLE, CUBA CITY, ATHENS. -SEVERAL DIV COACHES CONTRIBUTED TO THIS POLL-