



XAVIER GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2016 – The Xavier Girls are headed to State for the 2nd time ever in the WIAA, after the Hawks finished 2nd at State in 2015. Last year was the 11th time that Xavier advanced to a State Girls Basketball championship game in school history, and the first time with the WIAA.

Tradition-rich XHS has now qualified for State Girls Basketball 18 total times in school history... as Xavier enjoyed 16 total appearances in State Girls B-ball in 24 years with WISAA... which tied for 2nd most State GBB trips in WISAA, behind Milwaukee Pius XI with 21 trips and a national record 9 straight titles.

Xavier Girls won one WISAA State Girls Basketball title, in 1978, and XHS also finished in 2nd place 9 times in the WISAA State finals, coming up short so often... 8 times to Pius -- including 7 times in a fantastic 10 year stretch in the State finals... as the Hawks and the Lady Popes had just so many classic, outstanding and at times simply stunning battles in the WISAA State championship game over the years.

OVERALL	CONF	CONF TITLE	STATE RESULT	
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WISAA – Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association				
1976-77	18-2	FVCC 13-1	C	2nd Hawks capture inaugural Fox Valley Christian (FVCC) crown; place 2nd at State to Milwaukee Lutheran, 53-37 under coach Bob Flynn.
1977-78	19-1	13-1	C	1st ● Andy Mahoney's squad roars back to claim State Title by turning tables on Milwaukee Lutheran in finals, 53-45.
1978-79	20-2	13-1	C	semi Third straight Christian Conference championship; lose State opener to Racine St. Catherine.
1979-80	20-2	13-1	C	semi Don Geenen's Hawks roll to 4th consecutive FVCC title; lose tough 5-point State opener to Pius XI, 45-40; Maureen Riopelle cracks 1,000 Point Club (1,088).
1983-84	17-8	8-6		2nd Brad Garvey's Hawks miss injured Jill Sauer and fall to 4th in FVCC; rebound at State to shock unbeaten Aquinas when "Sabish made the pair!" – but finish 2nd to tough Pius XI team, 53-37.
1984-85	22-2	13-1	C	semi Hawks romp through FVCC for 6th "Gold Basketball" in 9 years; FVCC Player of the Year and A.P. 1st team All-Stater Jill Sauer joins 1000 Point Club (1,013); Hawks go 'Downtown to MECCA' but edged by "USA Today" Pius XI Lady Popes and Heidi Bunek, 53-44, in WISAA State Semifinals.
1985-86	23-4	13-1	C	2nd Xavier soars to 2nd straight FVCC title, 7th overall; Hawks' TV debut gets poor second-half ratings, falling to infallible Pius XI Lady Popes in WISAA championship tilt for second time in 3 years, 64-44.
1986-87	23-3	14-0	C	2nd Record-setting Hawks make FVCC history by becoming first team to go unbeaten, grabbing 3rd consecutive and 8th overall league crown; Hawks excommunicated by Lady Popes in WISAA title bout again, 62-61.
1987-88	25-1	14-0	C	2nd Xavier halts Pius' state-record win streak at 70 straight; FVCC Player of the Year and A.P. 2nd team All-Stater Mariann Vanden Elzen paces Hawks to 4th consecutive and 9th overall FVCC crown, and 1st unbeaten regular season. Elusive state title travels to Pius as Jenni Kraff's 32 foot buzzer beater stuns Hawks for 3rd straight year and 4th time in last 5 years, 67-66. "Garv" leaves XHS to assist Lawrence Men's hoops.
1989-90	20-7	12-4		2nd Hawks pull together, gain last 9 of 10; dump FVCC champion & previously unbeaten # 1 Lourdes to claim 10th regional crown; continue giant killing by nipping 25-0 Regis by 1 in state semis. Broken record... Lady Popes too tough in WISAA finals once again, taking national record 9th state trophy in a row.
1991-92	17-9	10-6		2nd Young Hawks mature and put together late-season surge, notching 10 of last 12, including white-knuckling wins over FVL by 6 for sectional title, state quarter win over Catholic Memorial by 1, and semifinal victory over St. Kate's by 5. Shot against Pius in finals, for 6th time in 9 years, comes up short, 36-35. Jackies — Huss and Busch named to WISAA All-Tourney team.
1992-93	21-3	13-1	C	2nd Veteran Hawks, led by FVCC 1st teamers Jackie "Huck" Huss and Jackie "Barbara" Busch, garner first league championship since 1988, and 10th overall title in 17 tries. Danielle "D" Pilon scorches MECCA nets, setting record for THREEEeee's: number made, 6, and, highest percentage, 6 of 6, for 1.000. Lady Popes' stall cages Hawks for 7th time over 10 years, 49-36. Huck, Barbara and D named to WISAA All-Tourney squad.
1993-94	16-8	10-4		qtr Xavier zooms out of gate, winning 8 straight, but roller coast to league runner-up. 13th state trip in 20 seasons cut short by 6'1" Liz Reiman & her Aquinas Blugolds in quarterfinals. Sara Timmers (1st team FVCC, H.M. All-State, Optimist All-Tourney, & 1st team P-C), Betsy Sanders (2nd team FVCC), & Danielle Pilon (H.M. FVCC) pace Hawks, who beat eventual state champ Wisconsin Lutheran in prestigious Milw. Optimist Charity Classic.
1997-98	20-4	10-2		qtr Talented and young Hawks restore luster to program by being final FVCC runners-up to FVL by 1 game, winning Region 4 championship & state trip, and notching 20 wins for first time since '92-93. Junior Amie Van Deurzen, the FVCC Player of the Year, sets school record for points in a game – 33 – twice, while moving into 3rd on all-time Xavier scoring chart with 924 points.
1998-99	22-4	VICC 7-1	C	2nd Battled tested Hawks live up to expectations and fly to Valley Independent Christian Conference co-championship and Region 1 title behind school's All-Time Scoring Ace (1,397) and 2nd Team A.P. All-Stater Amie Van Deurzen. Fans get moneys worth in 15th state trip with thrilling wins over highly regarded # 3 DSHA by 10 and # 2 Aquinas by 2, but, once again, (8th time vs. XHS) Pius pulls out "A" game in WISAA Championship, as Lady Popes take home all the marbles.
1999-00	15-8	V-8 Conf 11-3		qtr New cast of characters continues to win, notching 400th overall victory in 24 seasons, finishing 2nd in new Valley 8 Conference. The "WISAA Last Dance" wouldn't be complete without Hawks, who win Region 8 championship, but are ousted in quarterfinals at state by DSHA. Xavier and St. Catherine tie at 16 for number of state trips, second only to... Pius... with 21. 16 times at state in 24 years: thanks, WISAA, for the memories!

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WIAA – Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association

2000-01 Private schools join the WIAA, and WISAA is disbanded prior to the start of 2000-01 school year.

Eastern Valley Conf

2014-15 24-5 13-3 **◆ 2nd** When the final whistle sounded on 2014-15 season of Xavier Girls Basketball, the Hawks completed a special season one for the history books and one for the memory books. With only 4 seniors on the roster, it also was one to build upon for a bright future, as Xavier strives to add an impressive and already-packed row of trophy cases at the school. XHS went on a huge, late-winter streak without a loss, stringing together 14 straight Ws before coming up just short, 49-43, in the WIAA Division 3 State Championship game. In that finale, Xavier battled tough for 31½ minutes of the 32 minutes of scoreboard time... playing valiantly against the state's top-ranked team. The much taller Whitewater Whippets squad – with 3 players 5-feet-10 to 6-feet-2 – finished undefeated at 26-0, as they finally prevailed in the closing half-minute of the final game of 2015.

In the kind of season that all kids dream of and yet only a few realize, the AC Clouthier-coached Hawks added loads of hardware from a fantastic season: a plaque as Regional Champs and Sectional Champs plus a huge, silver ball as State Runner-Up. Clearly, it was a very special ending to a simply special season. It was the first time in tradition-rich Xavier athletic history that boys and girls both played in a State basketball championship in the same school year, and, of course, one week later in Madison the XHS boys duplicated the 2nd place finish at State in the same school year.

Peyton Ufi, a senior guard-forward, helped lead Xavier to a glossy 24-5 record overall, and was rewarded by a prestigious honorable mention spot on the Associated Press All-State team. She finished 4th on the all-time Xavier Girls Basketball scoring list. With 987 points in her phenomenal 4-year career for the Hawks, Ufi was just 13 points shy of 1,000 points in her 4-year career at Xavier; only 3 other girls have previously reached that prestigious mark at XHS in 39 seasons.

The XHS girls made their 1st ever appearance at the State GBB tourney since Xavier joined the WIAA in the 2000-01 school year, and it was the 17th total time at State in XHS Girls B-ball history. The Hawks previously enjoyed 16 trips to the GBB State Tournament in the 24 years of WISAA; Xavier tied for 2nd most State GBB trips in WISAA, behind Milwaukee Pius XI (21 State trips and a national record 9 straight state titles).

There were no classes at Xavier on the morning of Friday the 13th of March when XHS played in State semis in the 40th anniversary of the WIAA Girls State tourney at the facility nearby in the shadows of Lambeau Field. Demand to follow the Hawks post-season run was outstanding, and the Xavier AD had to request extra tickets for EACH game Xavier played in the Resch Center. A fantastic, exhilarating, fun few weeks culminated when Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay spent a few moments courtside with the Hawks after Xavier finished play in the Resch Center in Green Bay. A short time later, the Hawks made the short trek to the packed Menasha Fieldhouse to watch the Xavier Boys in the Sectional final. Upon their arrival, they were warmly greeted by all 3,000+ spectators from both schools watching that game... ironically the same match-up as the Girls Sectional final when the XHS Girls played, and beat, Valders.

The Xavier Girls were 13-1 at home in 2014-15, and they recorded six straight post-season wins because the Hawks ramped up their defense in the 2nd half of the season. Come tourney time, XHS outscored several teams that had more than 20 wins under their belt.... after taking 2nd place in the Eastern Valley Conference with a 13-3 record. It was the final season of that conference, due to WIAA-mandated conference realignment to take effect in 2015-16.

The '14-15 XHS Girls team also joined the school record books for the Most Points in a Season with 1,609 points in 29 games, a 55.5 per-game average. Erin Powers and Ufi penciled their name in the Single Season Scoring Leaders in XHS Girls B-ball history: Powers finished 6th with 398 points and Ufi was 7th with 363 points. Powers, a junior, moved into the Top Ten of Xavier Girls Basketball career scoring, and, Ana Loken just missed, by 10 points, of joining the Top 25 all-time scoring for Xavier Girls – as the '14-15 Hawks made their mark among the Blue and White faithful.

Bay Conference

2015-16 18-8 10-4 **State** Xavier is having another outstanding season, as the Hawks make their 2nd-ever WIAA State appearance in Girls Basketball after joining the WIAA in the 2000-01 school year, following so many illustrious seasons in WISAA State Girls BB. This is the 18th time XHS Girls will be at a State Tournament in Girls Basketball in school history – see the opening text on page 1.

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Under 3rd year head coach AC Clouthier, pronounced klow-thee-er, the Hawks continued the brand of pressure defense and uptempo offense that has annually kept Xavier in contention for the top spot in what was another competitive sprint to the finish in conference play... their first season in the revised Bay Conference (XHS finished in 3rd place) and the 40th season of Xavier Girls Basketball.

That change in the conference affiliation was mandated by the WIAA in a major realignment package. Effective in the 2015-16 school year, Xavier joined the Bay Conference for most sports. The new-look Bay includes: Xavier, Green Bay East, Green Bay West, Menasha, New London, Seymour, Shawano, and West De Pere. For football only, Waupaca makes it a 9-team Bay Conference.

Erin Powers has moved into 2nd place and Rachel Siciliano is now in the Top 15 in the all-time scoring for Xavier Basketball. Powers is only the 4th player from Xavier to surpass the 1,000 point plateau in XHS Girls b-ball history. Both are seniors for the Hawks. The current numbers for the Top 25 scoring for Xavier may be found on XavierHawksSports.com under the HISTORY-RECORDS section.



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NOTES:

1. Xavier joined the WIAA in 2000-01 following many glorious years with the now-defunct WISAA. The Hawks went to State in Girls Basketball 16 times in a 24-year span before the WISAA folded in 2000, and XHS returned to Appleton with the WISAA state championship trophy in 1978.
2. During an incredible string, Xavier came up short 7 times in 10 straight years in state championship battles with Milwaukee Pius XI.
3. Find tons more info, stats, records and history on Xavier Girls Basketball via the XavierHawksSports.com web site.
4. The 2015-16 season is the 40th season of Xavier Girls Basketball.

WISAA Post Season began in 1973-74. Xavier joined the WIAA in 2000-01 school year.
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