

# Preseason top-10 rankings for 2A, 3A, 4A Washington state high school football

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Players start to run to their drill stations as things get going during summer practice at Bothell High School on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016. The Cougars kick off their season at home on Sept. 1 against Glacier Peak. (Lindsey Wasson / The Seattle Times)

**How do the top high school football teams in the state stack up? Check out our preseason top-10 rankings for Class 2A, 3A and 4A football across Washington.**

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Can the defending state football champs do it again?

Three of them are ranked No. 1 to start the season in *The Seattle Times'* preseason state football rankings.

Gonzaga Prep (4A), Eastside Catholic (3A) and Prosser (2A) enter the 2016 season, which begins Sept. 1, loaded and ready to repeat.

Of course, it's tough to stay at No. 1 all season.

Can always-tough Skyline or Camas take the Class 4A crown from the Bullpups? Will the fact Bellevue is barred from postseason play help clear the path for Eastside Catholic to win a third consecutive Class 3A title?

And what about in Class 2A? Can Tumwater and retiring coach Sid Otton get past Prosser, which beat them in the state title game last year?

We'll start finding out next week. Check out our preseason 2A, 3A and 4A rankings below:

## Seattle Times Class 4A Preps Power Rankings

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Week: **1**

Rank	Team	Previous
1	<b>Gonzaga Prep</b> State defensive player of the year graduated, but defending champion Bullpups (14-0 last year) still loaded.	-
2	<b>Skyline</b> Runners-up in 2015, Spartans (12-2) always reload rather than rebuild.	-
3	<b>Graham-Kapowsin</b> Maturing quarterback, top lineman returning from injury make Eagles (11-1) a state favorite.	-
4	<b>Camas</b> Simply put, Papermakers (11-1) always good. Expect more of the same.	-
5	<b>Richland</b> Bombers (11-2), semifinalists in 2015, got taste of what's needed to make run.	-
6	<b>Summer</b> Talented Spartans (10-1) were 2A three years ago. After two 3A seasons, they move up to 4A SPSL.	-
7	<b>Kentwood</b> Coach Mike Bush heads into second season with Conquerors (7-3), now in reborn NPSL.	-
8	<b>Skyview</b> Storm (8-3) suffered close, opening-round state loss to Camas in 2015.	-
9	<b>Central Valley</b> Bears (8-3) bring back loaded roster from 2015 playoff team.	-
10	<b>Bothell</b> After a rare middling year, junior QB Jacob Sirmon has Cougars (5-4) poised for a rebound.	-

## Seattle Times Class 3A Preps Power Rankings

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Rank	Team	Previous
1	<b>Eastside Catholic</b> Two-time defending champion Crusaders (13-0 last season) will top rankings until someone dethrones them.	-
2	<b>Bellevue</b> Wolverines (11-2) under new management, but possess same old high-end talent.	-
3	<b>Lincoln</b> Move to Pierce County League should make for tougher proving ground for Abes (10-1).	-
4	<b>Kamiakin</b> Braves (8-3) seek return trip to state playoffs after early 2015 exit at hand of Lakes.	-
5	<b>Peninsula</b> Early returns indicate Seahawks (4-6) favored in yet another new league (South Sound Conference).	-
6	<b>Ferndale</b> Golden Eagles (7-4) will now compete with Weco North schools.	-
7	<b>Lakes</b> Reborn Pierce County League pits perennially powerful Lancers (10-3) against Tacoma schools for first time.	-
8	<b>O'Dea</b> Irish (7-3) consistently graduate Division I talent, find more in the wings.	-
9	<b>Bonney Lake</b> Ton of returners from successful 2015 campaign make Panthers (7-5) dangerous commodity.	-
10	<b>Mountain View</b> Thunder (7-2) may get off to tough start with competitive non-league schedule against 4A playoff teams.	-