

Wildcats continue winning ways with victory over Eudora



Louisburg junior Ethan Showalter takes a shot during the first half of the Wildcats' home match against Eudora on Thursday.

It wasn't a victory that solidified anything for the Louisburg boys soccer team – but it came pretty close.

Louisburg hosted Eudora on Thursday and pulled away for a 4-1 victory. It was a win that helped Wildcats maintain a hold on their postseason goals.

The Wildcats, who are now 11-1-1 on the season, are sitting atop the Frontier League and currently have the best record in the Class 4A East standings. The victory helped set up what could be a special finish.

“I think this team realizes that we are in the hunt for a league title, and that we are sitting really well for a No. 1 seed in the playoffs,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “It is a lot of fun right now. The kids are playing hard and they are playing for each other and that is the best part.”

Mother Nature tried to make things interesting for the Wildcats as it poured on the two teams during the first 15 to 20 minutes. In that time, Eudora was awarded a penalty kick and converted to take an early 1-0 lead.

The Cardinals didn't have the lead for more than a minute as senior Colin Cook tied it up as he scored off a rebound on a shot from junior Treston Carlson. Midway through the first half, Louisburg took the lead for good on a goal from senior Logan Faulkner.

"That is probably the hardest rain I have been a part of in a soccer game," Conley said. "It was just dumping. Then it stopped and then would start dumping again. We knew it was going to rain, knew it was going to be cold and I don't think it affected our guys much. We played well and we moved the ball really well in the first half and they chased us all over the place."

Louisburg kept the pressure on in the second half as freshman midfielder Ethan Ptacek made it 3-1 on an assist from senior teammate Ryan Haight. Carlson added a goal himself to ice the match with under two minutes remaining.



Senior David Perentis beats a Eudora player for a 50-50 ball Thursday during the Wildcats' 4-1 win.

The Wildcats dominated possession for much of the match and that turned into 14 shots on goal and 20 shots overall.

Carlson and freshman Cade Gassman each had three shots on goal to lead Louisburg. Sophomore Braden Yows, along with Cook and Ptacek, finished with two.

"They (Eudora) were physical, aggressive and they fouled us a lot and our kids kept their heads for the most part and played hard," Conley said. "I am really excited and it was a great win

for us after getting one at Spring Hill. Eudora is really good too. I think this was a good showing for us and we did our job and we executed really well.

“I think we might have left four (goals) on the board there in the first half. We were on the doorstep several times, and one even hit the net that I thought was a goal. It was nice to see the guys possess the ball, make them chase us and then attack. It should give us some confidence moving forward.”

Defensively, the Wildcats limited Eudora to just five shots on goal and four of them were saved by senior goalie Garrett Rolofson.



Defender Michael Seuferling heads the ball away from the Eudora goal Thursday.

“We did a good job for the most part on defense,” Conley said. “I think we lost our marks a couple times, but we probably could have played a little more aggressive in back, but I thought we still did well. Our outside backs got beat up a little bit, but I thought they held their ground well and Rolo did his job.”

Louisburg will try for its fourth straight victory tonight as it hosts Paola for a 6 p.m. start. It is also Alumni Night for Louisburg and former players are invited to come back and be

recognized.

The Wildcats know they can have a special ending to their season if they continue to do what they have done through the first 13 matches.

“We are just focused on (this) week and we have Paola on Monday,” Conley said. “They are a good team and are playing well right now. We are going to have to do our job and play one game at a time and see what happens.”

Wildcats bounce back to beat Spring Hill on road



Freshman Cade Gassman leaps in the air to put a shot on goal off a corner kick Tuesday in Spring Hill. Louisburg defeated the Broncos, 1-0, on a late goal by Treston Carlson.

SPRING HILL – For the first time all season, the Louisburg boys soccer team had to play a match after coming off a loss and Wildcat coach Kyle Conley was curious how his team would respond.

Conley got his answer Tuesday when Louisburg traveled to face

off with Spring Hill in a Frontier League match. The Wildcats responded just fine.

The Wildcats broke open a scoreless game on a go-ahead goal with seven minutes remaining in the second half and left Spring Hill with a 1-0 victory. The win puts Louisburg's record at 10-1-1 on the season and the Wildcats currently have a two-game lead in the standings for the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs.

"It was nice to see the boys respond," Conley said. "I think we did a nice job of playing hard and playing good clean soccer. We did a very nice job of controlling the pace of play and attacking what they gave us. I was very pleased with how hard we played and how we moved the ball."

Junior Treston Carlson provided the heroics for Louisburg as he snuck a shot past the Spring Hill keeper with 7 minutes and 50 seconds left in the match to give the Wildcats the goal they had been looking for.

Louisburg took 21 shots on the night, 10 of which were on goal. Carlson had half of those with five, while sophomore Braden Yows and freshman Cade Gassman had three and two, respectively.

"We did a nice job of creating chances all night," Conley said. "I think the boys are putting some added pressure on themselves and overthinking some of our situations. We were creating a lot of chances but couldn't quite find the back of the net."

"Treston found himself in a really good spot and buried it. He has been so close the past couple games, so it was great to

see him put one away.”



Louisburg junior Ethan Showalter pushes the ball up the field Tuesday in Spring Hill.

Defensively,

the Wildcats were able to limit the Broncos' shots on goal as senior goalie

Garrett Rolofson was able to get the shutout. Spring Hill had just four shots

on goal thanks to the back line of Toby Espina-Roca, Will Frank, Michael

Seuferling, Luke Faulkner, Ryan Haight and Ethan Showalter.

“I

think we did a really nice job to limit their opportunities and chances for the

most part,” Conley said. “We held our back line and played really sound

defense. I was excited to see the boys respond the way that they did. I really liked how we matched their intensity.”

The Wildcats are toward the top of the Frontier League standings and will try and stay that way as they host Eudora at 4 p.m. today. The Cardinals, which have a 6-3-1 record on the season, defeated Baldwin earlier in the year, which is the lone team to beat the Wildcats.

“Eudora is playing really well right now and are on a six game winning streak,” Conley said. “It is a big game and we will need to be ready to play, regardless where we play. It is important that we play our game and we dictate the pace. They are very physical and play really fast. Should be a great game.”

Baldwin hands Louisburg first loss of the season



Louisburg senior Landon Johnson pushes the ball up the field Thursday during the Wildcats’ match with Baldwin at Wildcat Stadium.

Louisburg was primed for revenge

Thursday as the Wildcats wanted to avenge their only non-win of the season.

They were well on their way to doing that as they jumped out to an early lead over Baldwin at home. However, the Bulldogs scored two second half goals and handed Louisburg a 2-1 defeat after the two teams tied earlier in the year.

Baldwin scored the go-ahead goal with 14 minutes left in the match to get the win and it was the Wildcats' first loss on the season.

"We played really hard and had a massive amount of possession but just couldn't break through," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "Baldwin played with a ton of energy and capitalized on their chances. I liked how hard we played and how we didn't give up."

The Wildcats continue to get healthier as another starter returned to the lineup. Senior captain Ryan Haight was out on the pitch for his first action of the season against the Bulldogs and he didn't waste any time getting involved.

Haight scored Louisburg's lone goal with 18 minutes left in the first half as he was on the back side of the goal on a corner kick and tapped it in past the Baldwin keeper.

Louisburg (9-1-1) had its opportunities as the Wildcats had 18 shots on the night and had six on goal. Braden Yows, Haight, Cade Gassman, Treston Carlson and Colin McManigal each had chances, but were either just wide of the mark or saved.

The match remained the same until eight minutes into the second half when Baldwin tied it up, and then with 14 minutes left in the match, took the lead on a hard shot near the right side of the box that found the back of the net. Caden Prather and Colby Zimmerman scored the Baldwin goals.

The night was not all lost for Louisburg. Both teams wore special pink uniforms during the Wildcats' Cancer Awareness night as they raised money to help a local family dealing with cancer.

Players from both teams also stood together before the varsity match as friends and family who have dealt with cancer were read aloud in their honor.

The Wildcats will try and bounce back today when they travel to Spring Hill for a 6 p.m. start at Spring Hill High School. Louisburg returns home Thursday for a match with Eudora.

Conley notches 100th career victory as Wildcat head coach



Louisburg head coach Kyle Conley earned his 100th career win Tuesday in the Wildcats' overtime victory over Tonganoxie.

Kyle Conley has been a part of many close matches during his time as the Louisburg boys and girls head soccer coach.

Conley has pulled out his fair share of wins during his four years between the two programs, so it only seemed fitting that his milestone victory would come with a little excitement.

Louisburg rallied for a 3-2 overtime win over Tonganoxie, and as a result, the Wildcats gave Conley his 100th career victory. Following the match, Conley was recognized in front of the crowd and presented with a banner from his players commemorating the special moment.

"I have been blessed with great kids," Conley said. "They play their tails off and they work hard, boys or girls, it doesn't matter. If you don't have kids that play hard, then none of this is possible. Having quality kids who do the things you ask and work so hard, makes it fun to coach and positive things happen. I am really lucky to be in Louisburg right now."



LHS girls soccer coach Kyle Conley has had a lot of things to celebrate in four seasons, including back-to-back state runner-up finishes.

In his four years as head coach, Conley has posted a 100-46-4 record and has helped the Wildcats to several big time wins.

On the girls side, Conley was named the girls' first-ever coach when the program started in the spring of 2016. He led them to a 14-win season that first year and they reached the state quarterfinals.

From there, the Louisburg girls would go on to a fourth place state finish in 2017, followed

by back-to-back
state runner-up finishes in 2018 and 2019 – losing to Bishop
Miege in the both
state championship games. Conley has also been named the Class
4-1A Coach of
the Year the last two years.

In his first season as the boys
head coach in the fall of 2016, he guided Louisburg 14-6-1
record and its first
appearance in the state final four. The Wildcats went on to
finish fourth in
Class 4A, and then would reach the state quarterfinals the
following year with
a 13-win campaign.

Currently, the Wildcats are 9-1-1
this season and have the best record in Class 4-3-2-1A.



As the head boys soccer coach, Kyle Conley has led the Wildcats to two regional championships and a fourth place finish at state.

“Starting the girls program and going 14-4-1 that first year and have a chance to go to state was a wonderful memory, but losing to De Soto in the quarterfinals on this field that same year kinda sticks with me,” Conley said. “You know, 100 wins is great, but I probably dwell more on those 46 losses more than I do the wins. There are so many of those games that could have went either way. When you have kids that have heart and passion, it makes it fun to coach.

“Then you have the first boys team to make a state final four in 2016 was a great one, and I will remember the team that played McPherson at home in the state quarterfinals and lost a close 2-1 game that had two shots go off the post in the final five minutes. That was a special team as well. Just honored to

be able to coach all of them.”

With so many highs and lows that teams encounter throughout a season, Conley realizes the people are what makes his job enjoyable – not necessarily the wins.

“There are so many memories and I have been able to coach so many good kids,” he said. “I am just blessed to be in Louisburg and have the opportunity to interact with these student athletes and hopefully have a positive impact on them. It is an awesome place to be.”

Louisburg stays unbeaten with overtime win against Tongie



Louisburg’s Braden Yows celebrates his goal off a corner kick with his teammates Tuesday against Tonganoxie in Louisburg. The Wildcats are 9-0-1 on the season.

Just call them the ‘Cardiac Kids.’

For the second time this season, the Louisburg boys soccer team found itself down two goals – not the ideal position to be in to find success. The Wildcats trailed by a couple scores

to Tonganoxie at home Tuesday, and for the second time this season, they found a way to respond.

Louisburg rallied to force overtime and eventually downed Tonganoxie, 3-2, on a goal by Cade Gassman four minutes into the extra period. The win improved the Wildcats' record to 9-0-1 as they continued their special season.

"They are trying to give me a heart attack," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "We have such a young team that I think they are too naïve to understand what is really going on. At times we just gave up a back side goal early, and then a penalty kick, and we found a way to get back in it. It is almost like they want to get down so they can find a reason to play hard. I was really proud that they never gave up and kept fighting."

Down 2-0 midway through the first half, the Wildcats were able get some momentum going into halftime as Gassman scored his first of two goals on the night as he flicked a shot past the Chieftains goalie.

Louisburg had 13 shots on goal in the game and many of those game in the second half and in overtime. Braden Yows, Gassman, Ethan Ptacek, Colin McManigal, Treston Carlson, Ethan Showalter and Landon Johnson all had looks at the goal.

The Wildcats got one to go in

midway through the second half when Louisburg was awarded a corner kick and Yows took the shot. It sailed around the Chieftain goalie and curved into the back of the net for the equalizer with 17 minutes left in regulation.

“We talked about the keeper and his positioning a little bit and we talked about giving it a go at the back stick and letting someone make a play,” Conley said. “Braden definitely let it go there and it was a great shot. I am not sure if he meant to do it or not, but I don’t care at this point. We will take it however we can get it.”



Senior Landon Johnson holds off a Tonganoxie player for the ball Tuesday in Louisburg.

Johnson, a senior midfielder and captain, played in his first game back from injury and nearly gave his team the lead late in regulation. His direct kick outside the box just missed the target and the two teams went to overtime.

Then four minutes into the extra period, another corner kick was sent in by Yows but his shot was knocked down by the Tongie goalie. Gassman, and several other teammates, were around the play and the Louisburg freshman was able to tap it in for the game-winner.

“Neither team did a good job of clearing the ball off the line on corner kicks, so we knew if we just got into the mix and could get it knocked down that anything could happen,” Conley said.

“Cade just kept bulldogging and playing hard and was able to get that last one to go in.”

Even down by two goals early into the match, Conley never thought his team was out of it, especially when the Wildcats started to turn things around late in the first half.

“The kids played hard, they stayed focused and they knew what their job was,” Conley said. “We found a good combination to play with in the last 20 minutes and we definitely took over the last 10 minutes of the first half.

“The second half I think we

dictated the flow of play. We gave them a couple counter attack looks, but we had the pressure on them the whole time. We knew the goals were going to come, we just didn't know when."

Louisburg is still without a loss on the season and the Wildcats will try and keep it that way tonight when they host Baldwin for a 6 p.m. start. They will try to avenge a tie to the Bulldogs last week, which so far this season, has been the Wildcats' only setback.

Louisburg survives Ottawa to remain without a loss



Louisburg senior defender Will Frank heads the ball away from the goal late in the Wildcats' 2-1 win over Ottawa on Thursday at Ottawa High School.

For about 70 minutes, it was all going to plan for the Louisburg boys soccer team during its league match Thursday against Ottawa.

The Wildcats held a two-goal lead on the road and were about

to cinch their eighth win of the season. Ottawa had different plans, however.

Ottawa played aggressive in the match's final 10 minutes and put the pressure on the Wildcat defense that allowed them to cut the Louisburg lead in half. Despite that, the Wildcats were able to hang on for a 2-1 victory and they still have not suffered a loss this season.

"The boys played really well and did a nice job of controlling the play," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "I think we did a nice job of playing hard and moving the ball the best we could on their field. They played a unique formation and they made it hard to break down. I do feel the boys played hard, but lacked focus the final eight minutes of the game."

Many of the Cyclones' shots on goal came toward the end of the half and scored with eight minutes left in the match.

The shots kept coming, but the Wildcat back line held strong as senior Will Frank headed the ball away near the goal on one attempt. Then, with two minutes remaining, goalie Garrett Rolofson made a diving save near the line to help secure the win.



Junior defender Luke Faulkner clears the ball out of the back while teammate Michael Seuferling looks on Thursday in Ottawa.

Ottawa

had two corner kick opportunities in the final minute-and-half, but the Wildcat defense did enough to get the win.

“Yeah

after Ottawa got their goal, they had all the confidence,” Conley said. “They

played inspired soccer and their crowd came to life and motivated their

players. We started to panic and lost our focus for the last eight minutes. It

was surely a learning moment for our young team. We will learn from this and

get better. I was excited that the boys held on and fought

through some
adversity.”

Louisburg

(8-0-1) took control of the match early and dominated possession. The Wildcats had 13 shots on goal and were able to get their first one to go through right before halftime.

Freshman Cade Gassman scored his first of two goals in the 39th minute and gave Louisburg a little bit of confidence going into the break. Gassman was in the right place at the right time in the second half, as he rebounded a Braden Yows shot, and it found the back of the net for a 2-0 lead.

Treston

Carlson, Ethan Ptacek, Michael Seuferling, Gavin York, Ethan Showalter and Yows all had shots on goal during the match, and it was one that could have gotten out of hand early.

“We

did dominate the game, but we struggled to finish,” Conley said. “I was excited to see some of the creativity the boys showed throughout the game. I felt we left 3 or 4 off of the board. We had plenty of looks but just couldn’t find the back of the net.”

Louisburg

hopes to pick up a couple of wins at home this week and it begins Tuesday when it hosts Tonganoxie. The Wildcats will also host Baldwin on Thursday. Both matches are slated to begin at 6 p.m.

“Tonganoxie is a well-coached team that is going to play really hard,” Conley said. “They will play pretty direct and we will have to adjust that style of play.”

Thursday will be the Wildcats’ cancer awareness match as both Baldwin and Louisburg will be dressed out in special pink kits for the occasion.

Louisburg rallies to tie Baldwin

Louisburg took its perfect season on the road last Tuesday when it traveled to Baldwin and left there without a loss – but it wasn’t a win either.

Baldwin scored twice – once in each half – but the Wildcats were able to answer within minutes each time as they rallied for a 2-2 tie at Baldwin High School.

“Playing at Baldwin always provides some interesting intangibles,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “Varsity plays first, which messes with a routine. On top of that, the field was an absolute swamp. With our style of play, it made it very difficult to keep and possess the ball when you were playing on slop. The field conditions didn’t affect Baldwin’s play as much because of how direct they play.”

“I really did like the boys’ ability to fight back and overcome the deficits we

faced. As I told the boys, I felt that we did not play our best and we struggled to capitalize on our opportunities. I think the playing surface had a lot to do with that.”

After

Baldwin took a 1-0 advantage midway through the first half, the Wildcats answered two minutes later as freshman Colin McManigal crossed the ball into the box and Logan Faulkner beat the Bulldog goalie to the ball and put it in.



Junior Ethan Showalter battles a Baldwin player for a 50-50 ball last Tuesday.

The

second half was much like the first as Baldwin took the lead, but Louisburg answered again when freshman Cade Gassman had a one-on-one with the goalie and flicked it past him to tie it at two.

The match went two overtimes, and each team had opportunities, but neither could find the back of the net.

Goalie

Garrett Rolofson had six saves on the day for Louisburg, while McManigal, Gassman, Faulkner, Treston Carlson, Ethan Showalter and Braden Yows all had shots on goal for the Wildcats.

KSHSAA releases classifications for 2019-20 school year



The Kansas State High School Activities Association released its classifications for the 2019-20 school year, along with the football classifications for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons.

There were a few changes in both areas, but more so on the

football side.

Football classifications are determined based on enrollment figures in ninth, 10th and 11th grade. Louisburg is still in 4A with 432 students and is toward the lower half of the classification.

Entering Class 4A beginning in the 2020 school year will be St. James Academy, Lansing and Great Bend, who have all moved down from Class 5A. Wamego also made the jump back in from Class 3A.

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Football Classifications and Enrollments-Descending Order 2020 & 2021

*Enrollment figures are based on ninth, tenth and eleventh grades only.
Enrollment figures are as of September 20, 2019.*

| 6A | | 5A | | 4A | | 3A | |
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| Member Schools - 32 | | Member Schools - 32 | | Member Schools - 32 | | Member Schools - 48 | |
| Range: 1854 - 1092 | | Range: 1083 - 655 | | Range: 654 - 340 | | Range: 324 - 168 | |
| Wichita-East | 1854 | Liberal | 1083 | Lansing | 654 | Baldwin | 324 |
| Wichita-North | 1691 | Hutchinson | 1049 | Great Bend | 651 | Topeka-Hayden | 314 |
| Wichita-Southeast | 1662 | Wichita-Heights | 1045 | Lenexa-St. James Academy | 649 | Parsons | 286 |
| Derby | 1638 | Shawnee-Mill Valley | 982 | Bonner Springs | 640 | Andale | 279 |
| Garden City | 1560 | Leavenworth | 977 | Arkansas City | 620 | Pratt | 275 |
| Dodge City | 1533 | Wichita-Northwest | 970 | Andover Central | 608 | Clearwater | 266 |
| Olathe South | 1503 | Emporia | 949 | Basehor-Linwood | 587 | Iola | 256 |
| Olathe East | 1477 | Kansas City-Turner | 902 | McPherson | 535 | Girard | 252 |
| Olathe North | 1469 | Wichita-Bishop Carroll | 890 | Kansas City-Piper | 518 | Nickerson | 252 |
| Topeka-Washburn Rural | 1449 | Topeka West | 882 | Ottawa | 507 | Clay Center Community | 247 |
| Wichita-South | 1438 | Topeka-Seaman | 881 | Buhler | 497 | Holton | 242 |
| Lawrence-Free State | 1411 | Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights | 876 | SM-Bishop Miege | 493 | Concordia | 241 |
| Manhattan | 1402 | Maize | 871 | Augusta | 491 | Kansas City-Bishop Ward | 240 |
| Topeka | 1364 | Kansas City-Washington | 850 | Winfield | 472 | Garnett-Anderson County | 234 |
| Olathe Northwest | 1356 | Maize South | 842 | Tonganoxie | 471 | Chapman | 224 |
| Kansas City-Wyandotte | 1355 | OP-Blue Valley Southwest | 811 | Independence | 461 | St. George-Rock Creek | 224 |
| SM East | 1353 | Salina-South | 800 | Chanute | 452 | Baxter Springs | 223 |
| Gardner-Edgerton | 1325 | Newton | 788 | Paola | 447 | Osawatomie | 221 |
| Haysville Campus | 1297 | De Soto | 758 | Fort Scott | 434 | Columbus | 220 |
| SM West | 1277 | Salina-Central | 758 | Louisburg | 432 | Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail | 217 |
| SM Northwest | 1266 | Topeka-Highland Park | 757 | Towanda-Circle | 429 | Wichita-Trinity Academy | 217 |
| Olathe West | 1256 | Andover | 733 | Coffeyville-Field Kindley | 409 | Hoyt-Royal Valley | 216 |
| OP-Blue Valley Northwest | 1233 | Goddard-Eisenhower | 725 | El Dorado | 400 | Hugoton | 216 |
| SM North | 1226 | Valley Center | 699 | Eudora | 391 | LaCygne-Prairie View | 214 |
| Lawrence | 1221 | Kansas City-Sumner Acad. | 698 | Rose Hill | 381 | Hiawatha | 213 |
| OP-Blue Valley | 1182 | OP-St. Thomas Aquinas | 693 | Altamont-Labette County | 377 | Frontenac | 211 |
| OP-Blue Valley West | 1182 | Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel | 693 | Mulvane | 375 | Meriden-Jefferson West | 211 |
| Junction City | 1136 | Pittsburg | 691 | Atchison | 355 | Holcomb | 210 |
| Wichita-West | 1129 | Hays | 687 | Abilene | 352 | Burlington | 203 |
| Kansas City-JC Harmon | 1110 | Kansas City-FL Schlagle | 687 | Wamego | 351 | Hesston | 202 |
| SM South | 1106 | Spring Hill | 668 | Wellington | 345 | Colby | 201 |
| OP-Blue Valley North | 1092 | Goddard | 655 | Ulysses | 340 | Wichita Collegiate | 201 |
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| | | | | | | Galena | 199 |
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| | | | | | | Russell | 181 |
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| | | | | | | Sabetha | 173 |
| | | | | | | Gypsum-Southeast of Saline | 171 |
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** Note: Per classification Rule 5-2-2, enrollment ties are broken by using the previous classification cycle count.*

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| Schools - 48 | |
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| Range: 168 - 112 | |
| Cimarron | 168 |
| Lyons | 168 |
| Welleville | 167 |
| Haven | 166 |
| Hoisington | 162 |
| Osage City | 161 |
| Seneca-Nemaha Central | 161 |
| Fredonia | 159 |
| Silver Lake | 158 |
| Easton-Pleasant Ridge | 156 |
| Riverton | 155 |
| Neodesha | 153 |
| Norton Community | 153 |
| Beloit | 150 |
| Anthony/Harper-Chaparral | 148 |
| Kingman | 148 |
| Eureka | 147 |
| Pomona-West Franklin | 144 |
| Douglass | 142 |
| Kismet-Southwestern Hts. | 141 |
| Lakin | 141 |
| St. Marys | 141 |
| Hays-TMP-Marian | 140 |
| Oskaloosa | 140 |
| Minneapolis | 139 |
| Ellsworth | 137 |
| Atchison-Maur Hill-Mt Acad. | 135 |
| Rossville | 135 |
| Effingham- Atchinson Co Comm. | 130 |
| Erie | 130 |
| Hillsboro | 129 |
| Humboldt | 129 |
| Mound City-Jayhawk Linn | 128 |
| Phillipsburg | 128 |
| Wathena-Riverside | 127 |
| Belle Plaine | 124 |
| Syracuse | 121 |
| Garden Plain | 120 |
| Ellis | 119 |
| Cherokee-Southeast | 118 |
| Belleville-Republic County | 117 |
| McLouth | 117 |
| Eskridge-Mission Valley | 116 |
| Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic | 116 |
| Leon-Bluestem | 112 |
| Marion | 112 |
| Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan | 112 |
| Sterling | 112 |

1A

| Schools - 28 | |
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| Range: 111 - 62 | |
| Whitewater-Remington | 111 |
| Conway Springs | 110 |
| Horton | 110 |
| Sedgwick | 108 |
| Arma-Northeast | 106 |
| Brookville-Eli-Saline | 106 |
| Richmond-Central Heights | 106 |
| Wabaunsee | 105 |
| Wichita-The Independent | 102 |
| Lyndon | 99 |
| Sublette | 99 |
| Ellinwood | 98 |
| Oakley | 98 |
| Salina-Sacred Heart | 98 |
| Uniontown | 98 |
| Johnson-Stanton County | 96 |
| Winchester- Jefferson Co. North | 94 |
| Inman | 93 |
| Elkhart | 90 |
| Plainville | 89 |
| Pleasanton | 86 |
| Allen-Northern Heights | 85 |
| Blue Rapids-Valley Heights | 82 |
| Smith Center | 82 |
| Holton-Jackson Heights | 78 |
| Troy | 70 |
| Olpe | 69 |
| Centralia | 62 |

8-Player Division I

| Schools - 48 | |
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| Range: 98 - 66 | |
| Herington | 98 |
| Bennington | 97 |
| Hoxie | 97 |
| Yates Center | 96 |
| Medicine Lodge | 95 |
| Hill City | 94 |
| Howard-West Elk | 93 |
| Pratt-Skyline | 93 |
| Leoti-Wichita County | 90 |
| Spearville | 90 |
| WaKeeney-Trego Community | 89 |
| Moundridge | 88 |
| Sedan | 88 |
| Cottonwood Falls-Chase Co. | 84 |
| Stockton | 84 |
| Attica/Argonia | 82 |
| Valley Falls | 82 |
| Burlingame | 80 |
| Canton-Galva | 79 |
| Goessel | 79 |
| Meade | 79 |
| Ness City | 79 |
| Washington County | 79 |
| Little River | 78 |
| Shawnee-Maranaatha Christian Academy | 77 |
| Cedar Vale/Dexter | 76 |
| Burden-Central | 75 |
| Langdon-Fairfield | 75 |
| Madison/Hamilton | 75 |
| Solomon | 75 |
| Udall | 74 |
| Atwood-Rawlins County | 72 |
| Highland-Doniphan West | 72 |
| La Crosse | 72 |
| Oswego | 72 |
| Kinsley | 71 |
| Clyde-Clifton Clyde | 70 |
| Oberlin-Decatur Community | 70 |
| Rosalia-Flinthills | 70 |
| Jetmore-Hodgeman County | 69 |
| Lincoln | 69 |
| Macksville | 69 |
| Oxford | 69 |
| Moran-Marmaton Valley | 68 |
| Greensburg-Kiowa County | 67 |
| St. John-Hudson | 67 |
| Montezuma-South Gray | 66 |
| Pretty Prairie | 66 |

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| Schools - 52 | |
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| Range: 66 - 29 | |
| Sylvan-Lucas Unified | 66 |
| Rural Vista (<i>White City/Hope</i>) | 65 |
| Peabody-Burns | 64 |
| Bucklin | 61 |
| Minneola | 61 |
| Victoria | 61 |
| Caldwell | 60 |
| Satanta | 60 |
| Kensington-Thunder Ridge | 59 |
| Onaga | 59 |
| Downs-Lakeside | 58 |
| Mankato-Rock Hills | 58 |
| Coldwater-South Central | 57 |
| Lebo | 57 |
| Quinter | 57 |
| Beloit-St. John's/Tipton | 54 |
| Osborne | 54 |
| South Haven | 53 |
| Wakefield | 52 |
| Hutchinson-Central Christian | 51 |
| Ingalls | 51 |
| Sharon Springs-Wallace Co. | 51 |
| St. Francis | 51 |
| St. Paul | 51 |
| Clafin-Central Plains | 50 |
| Hartford | 50 |
| Norwich | 50 |
| Scandia-Pike Valley | 50 |
| Colony-Crest | 49 |
| Frankfort | 49 |
| Melvern-MDCV | 49 |
| Buffalo-Altoona Midway | 48 |
| Dighton | 48 |
| Hanover | 47 |
| Leroy-Southern Coffey Co. | 47 |
| Chetopa | 46 |
| Logan/Palco | 46 |
| Lost Springs-Centre | 46 |
| Otis-Bison | 46 |
| Linn | 43 |
| Waverly | 42 |
| Southern Cloud (<i>Miltonvale/Glasco</i>) | 40 |
| Stafford | 40 |
| Wetmore | 39 |
| Grainfield- Wheatland/Grinnell | 38 |
| Randolph-Blue Valley | 38 |
| Kiowa-South Barber | 37 |
| Winona-Triplains/Brewster | 36 |
| Chase | 33 |
| Axtell | 30 |
| Tescott | 30 |
| Wilson | 29 |



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Goddard, Pittsburg and Spring Hill all saw their enrollment grow and will be moving up from 4A to 5A next year. Baldwin

saw their enrollment decline and will move down to Class 3A in football the next two years.

In the rest of the sports, not much changed with regards to Class 4A for this year.

Enrollment figures for all grades in Louisburg this year is 573, which puts the school in the upper half of Class 4A. The biggest school is Buhler with 661 and Bishop Miege is the second biggest at 656 and Ottawa is third at 653.

2019-2020 Classifications and Enrollments

Enrollment figures as of September 20, 2019 based on ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

Note: Schools are listed in descending order

- ↑ School Moved Up in Class
- ↓ School Moved Down in Class

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| 6A | 5A | 4A | |
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| Member Schools: 36 | Member Schools: 36 | Member Schools: 36 | |
| Range: 2431-1312 | Range: 1305-710 | Range: 661-312 | |
| Wichita-East HS | 2431 ↓ Leavenworth HS | 1305 Buhler HS | 661 |
| Wichita-North HS | 2190 Wichita-Northwest HS | 1260 Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege HS | 656 |
| Wichita-Southeast HS | 2164 Emporia HS | 1245 Ottawa HS | 653 |
| Derby HS | 2105 Maize HS | 1194 Winfield HS | 642 |
| Dodge City HS | 2010 Wichita-Bishop Carroll HS | 1153 Kansas City-Piper HS | 638 |
| Olathe South HS | 2005 Topeka-Seaman HS | 1150 Augusta HS | 632 |
| Garden City HS | 1985 Topeka West HS | 1146 Paola HS | 603 |
| Olathe North HS | 1976 Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights HS | 1131 Tonganoxie HS | 599 |
| Topeka-Washburn Rural HS | 1933 Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest HS | 1089 Fort Scott HS | 592 |
| Olathe East HS | 1927 Kansas City-Washington HS | 1084 Chanute HS | 584 |
| Olathe Northwest HS | 1880 Kansas City-Turner HS | 1076 Independence HS | 581 |
| Lawrence-Free State HS | 1855 Maize South HS | 1060 Louisburg HS | 573 |
| Wichita-South HS | 1852 Salina-South HS | 1046 Towanda-Circle HS | 562 |
| Manhattan HS | 1823 Newton HS | 1044 Coffeyville-Field Kindley HS | 531 |
| Shawnee Mission East HS | 1758 Salina-Central HS | 1001 El Dorado HS | 528 |
| Gardner-Edgerton HS | 1729 De Soto HS | 992 Mulvane HS | 520 |
| Topeka HS | 1728 Andover HS | 959 Eudora HS | 493 |
| Wichita-Haysville Campus HS | 1712 Topeka-Highland Park HS | 959 Altamont-Labelle County HS | 490 |
| Shawnee Mission West HS | 1638 Goddard-Eisenhower HS | 952 Rose Hill HS | 485 |
| Kansas City-Wyandotte HS | 1637 Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas HS | 925 Atchison HS | 472 |
| Shawnee Mission Northwest HS | 1624 Kansas City-FL Schlegle HS | 909 Wellington HS | 465 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest HS | 1619 Valley Center HS | 904 Abilene HS | 460 |
| Lawrence HS | 1601 Lenexa-St. James Academy | 902 Warrego HS | 446 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley HS | 1600 Great Bend HS | 884 Ulysses HS | 433 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley West HS | 1582 Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS | 880 Baldwin HS | 421 |
| Shawnee Mission North HS | 1557 Kansas City-Sumner Academy | 871 Topeka-Hayden HS | 408 |
| Olathe West HS | 1535 Pittsburg HS | 867 Andale HS | 375 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley North HS | 1498 Hays HS | 863 Clearwater HS | 367 |
| Shawnee Mission South HS | 1469 Lansing HS | 859 Parsons HS | 363 |
| Junction City HS | 1440 Goddard HS | 848 Pratt HS | 355 |
| Wichita-West HS | 1421 Spring Hill HS | 825 Iola HS | 339 |
| Kansas City-JC Harmon HS | 1399 Andover Central HS | 810 Nickerson HS | 323 |
| Hutchinson HS | 1386 Bonner Springs HS | 793 ↑ Holton HS | 322 |
| Liberal HS | 1371 Basehor-Linwood HS | 791 ↑ Girard HS | 315 |
| ↑ Wichita-Heights HS | 1357 Arkansas City HS | 765 Chapman HS | 314 |
| Shawnee-Mill Valley HS | 1312 McPherson HS | 710 ↑ Clay Center Community HS | 312 |

3A**Member Schools: 64****Range: 305-172**

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| †Garnett-Anderson County HS | 305 |
| Concordia HS | 303 |
| †Wichita-Trinity Academy | 303 |
| Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS | 300 |
| Columbus HS | 296 |
| †Osawatomie HS | 296 |
| St. George-Rock Creek HS | 294 |
| Baxter Springs HS | 286 |
| Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS | 286 |
| Hoyt-Royal Valley HS | 283 |
| Hugoton HS | 280 |
| Hesston HS | 279 |
| Frontenac HS | 276 |
| Meriden-Jefferson West HS | 275 |
| Hiawatha HS | 273 |
| Galena HS | 270 |
| LaCygne-Prairie View HS | 270 |
| Holcomb HS | 266 |
| Marysville HS | 266 |
| Wichita Collegiate HS | 266 |
| Scott Community HS | 265 |
| Caney Valley HS | 263 |
| Lindsborg-Smoky Valley HS | 263 |
| Colby HS | 262 |
| Burlington HS | 260 |
| Perry-Leocompton HS | 252 |
| Goodland HS | 246 |
| Wellsville HS | 243 |
| Larned HS | 242 |
| Russell HS | 239 |
| Cheney HS | 238 |
| Sabetha HS | 237 |
| Riley County HS | 231 |
| Council Grove HS | 229 |
| Cherryvale HS | 225 |
| Gypsum-Southeast of Saline HS | 223 |
| Halstead HS | 221 |
| Haven HS | 220 |
| Riverton HS | 214 |
| Fredonia HS | 213 |
| Lyons HS | 213 |
| Silver Lake HS | 213 |
| Beloit HS | 212 |
| Seneca-Nemaha Central HS | 210 |
| Cimarron HS | 207 |
| Hoisington HS | 205 |
| Norton Community HS | 204 |
| Osage City HS | 204 |
| Easton-Pleasant Ridge HS | 203 |
| Kingman HS | 202 |
| Neodesha HS | 200 |
| Anthony/Harper-Chaparral HS | 199 |
| Pomona-West Franklin HS | 192 |
| Kismet-Southwestern Heights HS | 190 |
| Eureka HS | 188 |
| †Lakin HS | 185 |
| Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy | 184 |
| Minneapolis HS | 184 |
| Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian HS | 182 |
| St. Marys HS | 182 |
| Douglass HS | 178 |
| †Effingham-Atchison Co Community HS | 174 |
| †Humboldt HS | 174 |
| Phillipsburg HS | 172 |

2A**Member Schools: 64****Range: 171-109**

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| Mound City-Jayhawk Linn HS | 171 |
| Oskaloosa HS | 171 |
| †Belle Plaine HS | 170 |
| Rossville HS | 169 |
| Elsworth HS | 168 |
| †Erie HS | 166 |
| †Wathena-Riverside HS | 164 |
| Conway Springs HS | 160 |
| Belleville-Republic County HS | 158 |
| Garden Plain HS | 158 |
| Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic HS | 158 |
| Cherokee-Southeast HS | 157 |
| Eskridge-Mission Valley HS | 156 |
| Arma-Northeast HS | 155 |
| Hillsboro HS | 155 |
| Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy | 155 |
| Ellis HS | 154 |
| Syracuse HS | 153 |
| McLouth HS | 152 |
| Whitewater-Remington HS | 152 |
| Horton HS | 150 |
| Sterling HS | 147 |
| Marion HS | 146 |
| Leon-Bluestem HS | 144 |
| Wichita-The Independent HS | 142 |
| Richmond-Central Heights HS | 141 |
| Sedgewick HS | 140 |
| Alma-Wabaunsee HS | 139 |
| Brookville-El-Saline HS | 139 |
| Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan HS | 139 |
| Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian HS | 136 |
| Medicine Lodge HS | 134 |
| Lawrence-Bishop Seabury Academy | 132 |
| Salina-Sacred Heart HS | 131 |
| Winchester-Jefferson County North HS | 130 |
| Bennington HS | 128 |
| Johnson-Stanton County HS | 128 |
| Lyndon HS | 127 |
| Oakley HS | 127 |
| Plainville HS | 127 |
| Sublette HS | 127 |
| Inman HS | 126 |
| Yates Center HS | 126 |
| Elinwood HS | 124 |
| Pratt-Skyline HS | 123 |
| WaKeeney-Trego Community HS | 122 |
| Uniontown HS | 120 |
| Herington HS | 119 |
| Smith Center HS | 119 |
| Pleasanton HS | 118 |
| Elkhart HS | 117 |
| †Hill City HS | 117 |
| Hoxie HS | 116 |
| Allen-Northern Heights HS | 115 |
| Howard-West Elk HS | 115 |
| †Sedan HS | 114 |
| †Cottonwood Falls-Chase County HS | 113 |
| Holton-Jackson Heights HS | 113 |
| Canton-Galva HS | 112 |
| Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS | 110 |
| †Moundridge HS | 110 |
| Shawnee-Maranatha Christian Academy | 110 |
| Leoti-Wichita County HS | 109 |
| †Spearville HS | 109 |

1A**Member Schools: 117****Range: 108-14**

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| Stockton HS | 108 |
| Elbing-Berean Academy | 105 |
| Little River HS | 105 |
| †Meade HS | 103 |
| †Ness City HS | 103 |
| Washington County HS | 103 |
| Udall HS | 102 |
| †Goessel HS | 101 |
| Valley Falls HS | 101 |
| †Oswego HS | 98 |
| Burden-Central HS | 97 |
| Troy HS | 97 |
| Macksville HS | 96 |
| Atwood-Rawlins County HS | 95 |
| Rosalie-Flinthills HS | 95 |
| La Crosse HS | 94 |
| Solomon HS | 93 |
| Burlingame HS | 92 |
| Lincoln HS | 92 |
| †Oberlin-Decatur Community HS | 91 |
| Oxford HS | 91 |
| St. John-Hudson HS | 91 |
| Clyde-Clifton Clyde HS | 90 |
| Jetmore-Hodgeman County HS | 90 |
| Peabody-Burns HS | 90 |
| Kinsley HS | 89 |
| Langdon-Fairfield HS | 89 |
| Highland-Doniphan West HS | 87 |
| Olpe HS | 87 |
| Centralia HS | 86 |
| Montezuma-South Gray HS | 86 |
| Moran-Marmaton Valley HS | 86 |
| Greensburg-Kiowa County HS | 85 |
| Wichita-Classical School Of Wichita | 83 |
| Onaga HS | 82 |
| Caldwell HS | 80 |
| Lebo HS | 79 |
| Minnesota HS | 79 |
| Bucklin HS | 78 |
| Pretty Prairie HS | 78 |
| Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS | 78 |
| Norwich HS | 77 |
| Victoria HS | 77 |
| Coldwater-South Central HS | 76 |
| Mankato-Rock Hills HS | 76 |
| Satanta HS | 76 |
| Kensington-Thunder Ridge HS | 75 |
| Osborne HS | 75 |
| Madison HS | 74 |
| Dexter HS | 72 |
| Hanover HS | 71 |
| Burton HS | 70 |
| Hutchinson-Central Christian HS | 69 |
| St. Francis HS | 69 |
| Ingalls HS | 68 |
| McPherson-Elyria Christian HS | 68 |
| Downs-Lakeside HS | 67 |
| Wakefield HS | 67 |
| Hartford HS | 66 |
| Quinter HS | 66 |
| Dighton HS | 65 |
| Frankfort HS | 65 |
| Melvorn-Marais Des Cygnes Valley HS | 65 |
| St. Paul HS | 65 |
| Clafin-Central Plains HS | 64 |
| Colony-Crest HS | 63 |
| Randolph-Blue Valley HS | 63 |
| Scandia-Pike Valley HS | 63 |
| Lost Springs-Centre HS | 62 |
| South Haven HS | 62 |
| Rexford-Golden Plains HS | 61 |
| Chetopa HS | 60 |
| Sharon Springs-Wallace County HS | 60 |
| Buffalo-Altoona Midway HS | 59 |
| Leroy-Southern Coffey County HS | 58 |
| Otis-Bison HS | 58 |
| Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell HS | 57 |
| Stafford HS | 57 |
| Ashland HS | 56 |
| Linn HS | 56 |
| Tribune-Greeley County HS | 55 |
| Beloit-St. John's HS | 54 |
| Waverly HS | 54 |
| Wellmore HS | 51 |
| Attica HS | 50 |
| Deerfield HS | 49 |
| Argonia HS | 48 |
| Cunningham HS | 48 |
| Kiowa-South Barber HS | 48 |
| Rolla HS | 46 |
| Moscow HS | 45 |
| Axtell HS | 42 |
| Bird City-Cheylin HS | 42 |
| Chase HS | 42 |
| Hope HS | 42 |
| Cedar Vale HS | 40 |
| Rozel-Pawnee Heights HS | 40 |
| Tescott HS | 40 |
| Wichita-Central Christian Academy | 40 |
| Almena-Northern Valley HS | 39 |
| White City HS | 39 |
| Logan HS | 38 |
| Wilson HS | 35 |
| Fowler HS | 32 |
| Natoma HS | 30 |
| Ransom-Western Plains HS | 29 |
| Weskan HS | 29 |
| Brewster HS | 28 |
| Palco HS | 28 |
| Glasco HS | 27 |
| Longton-Elk Valley HS | 26 |
| Hamilton HS | 25 |
| Miltonvale HS | 22 |

Three schools will make the move up to Class 4A this year. Clay Center, Girard and Holton all saw their enrollment increase and will come back to 4A, while Osawatomie, Anderson County and Wichita-Trinity Academy will move out of 4A to 3A this year.

Wildcats score two second half goals to down Spring Hill



Louisburg freshman Cade Gassman celebrates after scoring the go-ahead goal Thursday against Spring Hill in the Wildcats' 2-1 victory.

There have been a few moments during the Louisburg boys soccer team's winning streak where the result always hasn't been crystal clear.

Thursday brought ones of those moments.

The Wildcats hosted Spring Hill in a Frontier League match and they found themselves down a goal in the second half. Louisburg put together several chances on goal, but had no luck – that is

until midway in the second half.

Louisburg struck twice in a matter of 10 minutes as the Wildcats rallied to a 2-1 victory over the Broncos. The win improved their record to 7-0 on the season as the Wildcats sit atop the league standings.

It was also the third victory for Louisburg in a four-day span as the Wildcats defeated Bishop Ward and Lansing earlier in the week.

“It was a great week winning 3 games in four days against the type of teams that were on our schedule,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “We played hard and overcame the extreme heat to have success. I think our fitness and depth proved very beneficial over these past four days. The boys found a way to get positive results and to play for each other. It was a great watching the boys play with so much heart and passion.”

Spring Hill struck first early in the first half. A miscue by the Wildcat defense allowed the Broncos to score in the opening minutes, but Louisburg tightened up its back line and the Broncos had limited chances the rest of the way.

“We only gave up three shots the whole night, but that was one that was way too easy,” Conley said. “The boys knew we had the better of play in the first half and we were getting

plenty of chances.

I feel that they just needed to get some confidence and then they would be able to break down Spring Hill. We had a lot of chances and did a nice job of moving the ball and attacking.”



Treston Carlson heads the ball away from the Spring Hill defense Thursday in Louisburg.

That confidence boost came with 27 minutes left in the match when sophomore Braden Yows scored to tie the match and was one of eight shots on goal for Louisburg.

Ten minutes later, the Wildcats jumped in front as Yows sent a pass to freshman Cade Gassman, who calmly hit a slow roller that caught the Spring Hill goalie out of place and found the back of the

net.

“Braden and Cade have played really well this year,” Conley said. “They keep creating, moving and causing so many problems for our opponents. It’s really nice when teams try to take one of our players away, because we have a different one step up each night. This group is really playing well and playing for each other. They feed off of the others success.”

Senior goalie Garrett Rolofson finished the night with just two saves as the Wildcat defense held strong and didn’t let Spring Hill have many opportunities.



The Louisburg boys soccer team celebrates with its fans

following the Wildcats' 2-1 victory Thursday.

The Wildcats will try and keep their winning streak going when they travel to Baldwin today for a road contest. Varsity is set to play at 4 p.m.

"Baldwin is a fantastic team and plays really hard," Conley said. "They play the game the right way and do a nice job of attacking and taking what the other team gives them. It will be a great match up and should be a lot of fun to watch."

Wildcats stay perfect with comeback win over Bishop Ward



Louisburg goalie Garrett Rolofson slides in for a save Tuesday during the Wildcats' match at Bishop Ward.

The Louisburg boys soccer team has experienced a lot during this winning streak to start their season, and the Wildcats have had to overcome some adversity along the way.

That was true Tuesday when Louisburg traveled to Bishop Ward and found itself down a goal at halftime and its perfect season was in jeopardy. Like before, the Wildcats figured out a way

to clear those obstacles.

Louisburg got two second half goals from freshman Cade Gassman, and junior Logan Faulkner scored the go-ahead goal in the Wildcats' 3-1 victory over Bishop Ward. The Wildcats now have a six-game winning streak to start the year and picked up their second win in as many days.

"The boys played so hard the second half," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "We just struggled to have that fire and energy that we usually play with in the first half. I'm not sure if it was the environment, playing the night before or what.

"The Bishop Ward game was physical and we struggled to respond right way. It seemed like after the red card, the boys responded and played extremely hard. We played for each other and picked our intensity up."

Louisburg (6-0) faced even more adversity later in the game when Conley was given two yellow cards, which turned into a red card, and he was forced to leave the match.

His players certainly responded in his absence as they tied the match early in the second half as Gassman blasted a shot from 15 yards away that found the back of the net and gave the Wildcats the momentum they were looking for.

With 20 minutes left in the match, Faulkner put the Wildcats up for good with a goal in a scrum in front of the net. Gassman iced the match with a penalty kick with five

seconds left to give
Louisburg its sixth consecutive win.



Cade Gassman battles a Bishop Ward defender for a 50-50 ball Tuesday at Bishop Ward.

“Cade has been doing really well and is starting to get some of that chemistry with Braden (Yows) and Treston (Carlson),” Conley said. “They are working really well together and the boys are playing really creative soccer. I couldn’t be happier with their development thus far. Cade is consistently working to get better each and every day. It is paying off for him right now.”

Senior

goalie Garrett Rolofson finished the night with six saves as the Wildcat defense tightened up as the game went along after giving up a goal in the early stages of the first half.

Louisburg will try to avoid its first loss of the season tonight when it hosts Spring Hill in a Frontier League dual. Varsity is set to begin at 6 p.m. at the Wildcat Stadium Complex.

“Man, Spring Hill is always so good,” Conley said. “Our games are always intense and have an incredible atmosphere. I think the boys are ready for it and it should be a really good one. Both teams are playing really, really well right now.”

LOUISBURG SHUTS OUT LANSING ON ROAD

Louisburg had a difficult task ahead of itself Monday when it had to travel to square off with Lansing – a Class 5A program.

The Wildcats didn't have much of a problem as they controlled possession from the start and never looked back in a 2-0 result.

Junior Treston Carlson gave Louisburg a 1-0 lead before halftime and then sophomore Braden Yows sealed the win with a goal in the second half. Freshman Cade Gassman added

an assist, while senior goalie Garrett Rolofson notched another shutout.

“The Lansing game was extremely intense and very physical,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “We had a ridiculous amount of shots, but just couldn’t score. We did a great job of keeping the ball and possessing. I was very excited how our boys fought and played. They are starting to figure out how I want us to play the game. This team is going to be a lot of fun if they keep learning and improving.”

Louisburg had plenty of chances to make it an even larger score with 13 shots on goal, including five from Yows. Logan Faulkner had three attempts, while Colin Cook, Gassman, Jaden Vohs and Gavin York also had looks at the net.

Wildcats remain unbeaten with win over Bonner Springs



Louisburg defender Michael Seuferling stretches out to knock the ball away from a Bonner Springs player Thursday in Louisburg.

It could have easily been a frustrating day for the Louisburg boys soccer team.

On Thursday, the Wildcats hosted Bonner Springs and had to wait almost 90 minutes before playing the match due to inclement weather. Then when it did get underway, the Braves deployed a defense that slowed down the Wildcat attack.

Despite all that, Louisburg came away with its fourth consecutive win and was able to squeeze in a 2-0 victory in between a pair of rain showers.

“I felt the boys handled the hour and a half weather delay about as good as they could,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “They came out ready to go and played with a lot of pressure from the start. It is fun watching how this team grows each and every game. This group has a tremendous work ethic.”

The work ethic was on display early on as the Wildcats put pressure on the Bonner Springs back line with 17 shots on goal for the game, including seven each from junior Treston Carlson and sophomore Braden Yows, two from freshman Cade Gassman and another from freshman Gavin York.

Bonner Springs’ defense did frustrate the Wildcats at times as they made several runs at the goal, with not a lot to show for it. The result still

ended in a pair of
Carlson goals – one in each half – that was more than enough
to get the
victory.

“It
did add some frustration, but that happens when a team puts so
many people
behind the ball like Bonner Springs does,” Conley said. “They
were organized
defensively, and were tough to breakdown. I felt we did leave
a lot of chances
off the board, but the boys kept attacking.

“Treston
did a great job and has been improving each and every game. He
has been
determined this off season to get better and it is paying
dividends this season
so far.”



Junior Ethan Showalter heads the ball away Thursday during the Wildcats' 2-0 home victory over the Braves.

Senior goalie Garrett Rolofson earned his third shutout of the season as he finished the night with four saves, while the backline of Toby Espina Roca, Will Frank, Michael Seuferling and Luke Faulkner, along with midfielders Ethan Showalter and Hunter Rogers, prevented Bonner Springs from getting many good looks on goal.

The Wildcats (4-0) still have yet to lose this season and have done so without two of its senior starters – Ryan Haight and Landon Johnson – who are out with injuries, but hope to be back in the next couple of weeks. Still, Conley has liked what he has seen out of his young team.

“We focused on getting back to doing things the way we did in the past,” Conley said. “The boys bought into that from day one in the summer. I am extremely excited for this team and how this team has been evolving. They play so hard and with such passion, it is truly a lot of fun to come to training each and every day. We have our team goals and this groups is determined to meet them.”

Louisburg

will have a busy week as the Wildcats will play three matches in a four-day span. It all begins today when they travel to Lansing for a 6 p.m. start.

The

Wildcats will travel to Bishop Ward on Tuesday and then will host Spring Hill on Thursday. Both matches also begin at 6 p.m.

“We

will need to focus on each game, one at a time,” Conley said. “It is going to be a tough week, but we will be focused and prepared. It will be essential that our execution and communication is better.”