Louisburg wraps up Frontier League title with rout of Piper on Senior Night



Senior defender Will Frank clears the ball away from a Piper player Thursday during Louisburg's Senior Night contest at Wildcat Stadium Complex. The Wildcats rolled to an 8-1 win.

Cold and rain weren't the conditions Louisburg was hoping for in its regular season finale, but the Wildcats players didn't complain.

They had too much to celebrate.

Along with Louisburg's 8-1 victory

over Piper in which it honored eight seniors on Senior Night, the Wildcats also

made history in the process. Their victory gave them the outright Frontier

League title as they ended the regular season with a 14-1-1 record and are the

No. 1 seed in the playoffs for the Class 4-1A east side of the state.

It is the Wildcats' second league title in three years and they head into postseason play on a five-match winning streak.

"Man,

it is really impressive," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said of his team's achievements.

"This group of boys have bought in from day one and worked so hard. They are

committed to each other and it shows in their play. Their attitudes and work

ethic is a major reason why we are having the success we are. I could not be happier

for a group of young men.

"This

group had a lot of lofty goals at the beginning of the season, and they

have accomplished two of them with that win against Piper. This is such a special group."

The senior group of Will Frank, Ryan Haight, Colin Cook, Landon Johnson, David Perentis, Garrett Rolofson, Emanuel Fries and manager Mackenzie Scholtz were all recognized before the match as they were able to celebrate Senior Night first, and then a league title after.



Seniors (from left) Mackenzie Scholtz, Garrett Rolofson, Ryan Haight, Colin Cook, Will Frank, Landon Johnson, Emanuel Fries and David Perentis were honored before Thursday's contest.

Louisburg

jumped on Piper from the opening whistle as sophomore Braden Yows scored the

team's first goal 20 seconds into the match.

From

there, it was freshman Cade Gassman who made the biggest mark as he recorded a

hat trick in a 5-minute span to give the Wildcats a 4-0 lead midway through the

first half. Gassman finished with a game-high four goals as he added another in

the second half.

Senior

Landon Johnson also put away a couple shots as he converted a penalty kick late

in the first half and then opened the second half with another

goal to give the

Wildcats a 6-1 advantage. Freshman Colin McManigal added a goal midway through

the second half and Gassman iced the win with his fourth score with 13 minutes

remaining in the match.

"Cade was on fire," Conley said. "He ended with four, but it could have been easily six if I let him. He was focused and played with such passion and determination. I couldn't be happier for a young man and how well he's played the entire season.

"Landon

played really hard as well. He was extremely dangerous with the ball at his

feet. He did a great job of breaking down their flanks."



Senior David Perentis deflects the ball away from a Piper player Thursday.

The

Wildcats recorded 18 shots on goal and 35 shots overall as they put pressure on

the Piper defense the entire night. Junior Treston Carlson and Gassman each had

five shots on goal and Johnson had three.

Defensively,

other than one goal late in the first half, the Wildcats shut down the Piper

attack as senior goalie Garrett Rolofson finished the night with three saves.

Senior Will Frank, junior Luke Faulkner, sophomore Michael Seuferling and freshman Toby Espina-Roca limited Piper's chances from the defensive line, while defensive midfielders Ryan Haight, Ethan Showalter and Hunter Rogers also provided support.

"The defenders played

very well minus one play," Conley said. "They held it down and limited their

touches in the offensive half. Piper did send almost their entire team forward

and tried to create a lot of problems for us, but we did a great job of staying

disciplined and marked up. We did a really nice job of limiting their opportunities.

"The

conditions were terrible, but we handled it really well. The boys were ready

from pregame on. They were focused and really intense. I think we played so

well from start to finish. We moved the ball and did a great

job of attacking what they gave us. The boys read the game well. It was nice to be able to sub as much as we did and not lose a beat with those guys."



Senior Garrett Rolofson traded in his goalie jersey late in the match Thursday as the Wildcats tried to get him his firstever goal.

Now the focus is on the postseason where the Wildcats will host Atchison at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the regional semifinal game. Atchison defeated Bishop Ward, 6-0, Monday in the playin game.

Should

the Wildcats advance, they will play the winner of No. 8 Maur Hill-Mount

Academy and No. 9 Kansas City Christian on Thursday in the

regional championship game.

"I am glad it's finally here," Conley said of the postseason. "This team is motivated and determined to make an

impact. I am excited to see what this team can do and keep proving everyone

wrong. I love how hard the boys played all year and how much they improved. It's

going to be a lot of fun."

Wildcats jump to top of Frontier League with win over Ottawa



Louisburg's Hunter Rogers puts a shot on goal Tuesday during the Wildcats' match with Ottawa in Louisburg. In all, the Wildcats put 29 shots on goal in their 4-1 win.

OTTAWA — News made it way toward the Louisburg sideline midway through the first half that Spring Hill had just upset Frontier League leader Baldwin.

It caught the attention of the

Wildcat coaches, and with a win over Ottawa, Louisburg was going to take sole

possession of first place. Head coach Kyle Conley relayed that news to his

players at halftime and the Wildcats made sure they left Tuesday's game on top.

Louisburg took care of business as

the Wildcats scored a pair of goals in each half and recorded a 4-1 victory

over Ottawa at Wildcat Stadium. The win improved their record to 13-1-1 on the

season, and a win or tie over Piper tonight, will give the Wildcats their

second league title in three years.

"We need to do our job. It is

Senior Night, there should be a ton of emotion and a lot of things going on and

a lot of distractions," Conley said. "We are after another banner."

The Wildcats dominated possession

for much of the contest against Ottawa as they put together several scoring chances.

In all, Louisburg finished the night with 29 shots on goal.

Junior Treston Carlson was able to

find the back of the net 15 minutes into the first half to give Louisburg a 1-0

advantage over Ottawa. A few minutes later, senior Landon Johnson doubled the

Wildcats' score with another goal and Louisburg took a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Louisburg didn't waste any time

after halftime as freshman Cade Gassman scored three minutes into the second half.

Ottawa cut the Louisburg lead to 3-1 with a goal early in the half off a corner kick.



Senior Colin Cook possesses the ball to go upfield Tuesday against Ottawa.

The Cyclones weren't able to get a better opportunity than that one and the Wildcats kept pushing up. Sophomore Braden Yows iced the game when his shot hit the back post and rolled slowly across the line.

Yows and Gassman each added an assist in the win, while Yows led the Wildcats with five shots on goal.

Freshman Colin McManigal and Johnson each had four shots, while Carlson and

junior Logan Faulkner both had three.

Defensively, the Wildcats were

able to limit Ottawa's opportunities and senior goalie Garrett Rolofson

finished with five saves.

"We did a good job," Conley said. "We

were trying to work on our cuts and angles a little more this week. We did a

good job of possessing it, moving it and doing our job. The final third could

be a little bit cleaner, but the kids played well and played with a ton of

energy. You can't ask for anything more than that.

"I thought we did a good job defensively. We had a lot of kids play for us tonight, whether it was 10 minutes or 20 minutes, we were just relentless. I think the last 15 minutes of the first half we kind of just dominated they rest of the way. We just played with a lot of heart tonight and the kids just played really, really well."

Now the Wildcats will turn all their focus to Piper tonight as they try for win No. 14, and more importantly, a Frontier League title. It will also be an emotional evening as it is also Senior Night and the Wildcats will honor eight seniors for their time with the program.

"It is a credit to them," Conley

said of his team's success. "Last year was rough. We never really gelled and we

struggled with chemistry a little bit. This team came together since the first

day of summer, they are playing for each other, they are always together and

supporting one another. It is a credit to them and how hard they play and their

desire to get better. It is a credit to all 38 of those guys and they are doing

Yows' golden goal lifts Louisburg past Paola in OT



Louisburg sophomore Braden Yows (right) is engulfed by his teammates following his game-winning goal in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory over Paola on Monday in Louisburg.

Just like the first match earlier in

the season, Louisburg and Paola found themselves in another battle Monday as

the two teams went into overtime for the second time this year.

And just like the first time,

Louisburg got the golden goal it was looking for to pull out a win.

Sophomore Braden Yows struck the

ball on the back side of the goal and found the back of the net five minutes

into overtime and the Wildcats came away with a 1-0 victory over the Panthers.

Senior Ryan Haight crossed the ball into the backside of the goal for the assist and Yows was

there to put a good foot on the pass.

"It was a little unbelieveable,"

Yows said. "Ryan played a great ball into the box and I called for it. Ethan

(Ptacek) could have taken the chance, but when I shot it and went in, it was

almost like a dream come true a little bit. I almost couldn't believe it at first.

"Those type of goals don't come

around very often that win you a game against your rival. It was great, but if

Ryan doesn't play that ball and Treston (Carlson) doesn't play it to him then

that goal never happens. It was a team goal."

It certainly was a team effort as

the Wildcats (12-1-1) picked up their third consecutive victory on the season

and defeated a Paola (8-4-1) team that is one of the best in the Frontier

League and currently has the fourth-best record on the East side of the state in $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

Class 4-1A.

Louisburg played well on each third of the field, but it started on defense as the Wildcats limited Paola's chances on goal. To do that, Haight shadowed Paola's top scorer, Ryan Wokutch, most of the night and got help from junior midfielder Ethan Showalter.

Neither player came off the field

much and were helped by the back line of Will Frank, Michael Seuferling, Toby

Espina-Roca and Luke Faulkner. Senior goalie Garrett Rolofson

recorded three saves and earned the shutout.

"Ryan (Wokutch) has special speed

and is an incredible player," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "We decided to

put Ryan Haight on him and I thought he shut him down pretty well. He did a

really nice job on him defensively, but Wokutch is so dangerous that he causes

a massive amount of problems for him."



Louisburg senior Landon Johnson holds off a Paola player for the ball Monday.

Both teams had opportunities early

in the first half as Wokutch had a header that was saved by Rolofson. For

Louisburg, senior Landon Johnson had two shots on goal, one of

which hit off the cross bar.

The Wildcats put the pressure on

the Paola defense and controlled possession for much of the second half and

overtime. Louisburg had 27 shots on the night, including 14 on goal.

Junior Treston Carlson and Johnson

led the Wildcats with three shots on goal. Yows, along with freshmen Cade

Gassman and Ethan Ptacek, each had two.

Louisburg also took advantage of a

tiring Paola team as the Wildcats were able to sub in groups for much of the

match and were fresher going into overtime.

"We have to thank Conley for this

one," Yows said. "We could see Paola was a little worn down, but we have a

little more depth, but coach makes us do a lot of fitness in practice and it

pays off. Paola was really good in the first half, but Ryan did a great job of

shutting down Wokutch but Hunter (Rogers) and Sho (Ethan Showalter) both played

amazing. They were a big help back there."

The Wildcats were able to find the

net halfway through the extra period when Haight played a ball toward the back

side of the goal and Yows was there waiting for it.

"That is the ball I was talking about to the boys," Conley said. "I kept telling them the back side was wide open. We got there a couple times and kind of wasted some chances, but Braden shifted a little bit, smacked it home and that was it.

It was a good read for Braden, and a good lead from Ryan and it was good to get a win."



The Louisburg players pile on each other following the Wildcats' 1-0 overtime win over Paola.

Yows' game-winner emptied the

Wildcat bench and the players were able to celebrate their 12th win

of the season as they piled on Yows.

The Wildcats will continue its special season Tuesday when it hosts Ottawa and then will host Piper on Thursday for Senior Night. Louisburg will have the opportunity to win a Frontier League title and assure itself a No. 1 seed in the state playoffs next week.

"We have a good style of play and

I think we do a good job of possessing the ball," Conley said. "I think we

could get a little more dynamic in the final third, but at the same time I love

how hard we play and how the kids don't stop. They might be too young to

understand what they are truly doing right now, but it is a lot of fun to watch."

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 they 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 and 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 over thinking some of our

situations. We were creating 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.

" T

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 $100^{\rm th}$ 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

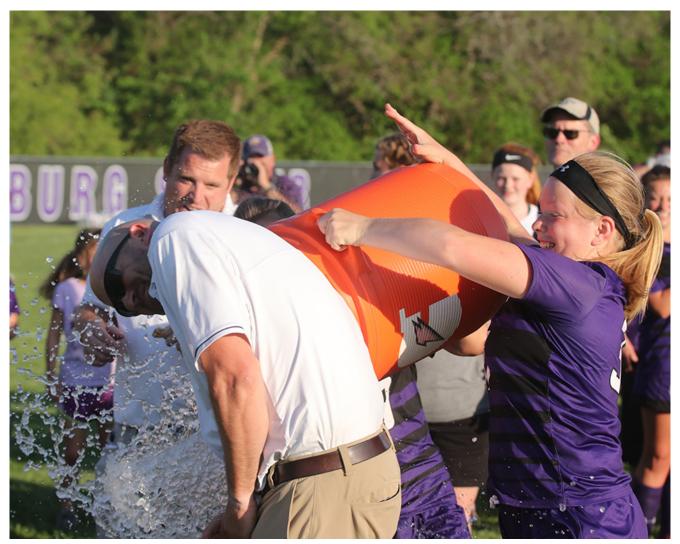
kids," Conley said. "They play their tails off and they work hard, boys or

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

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

quarterfinals.

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.

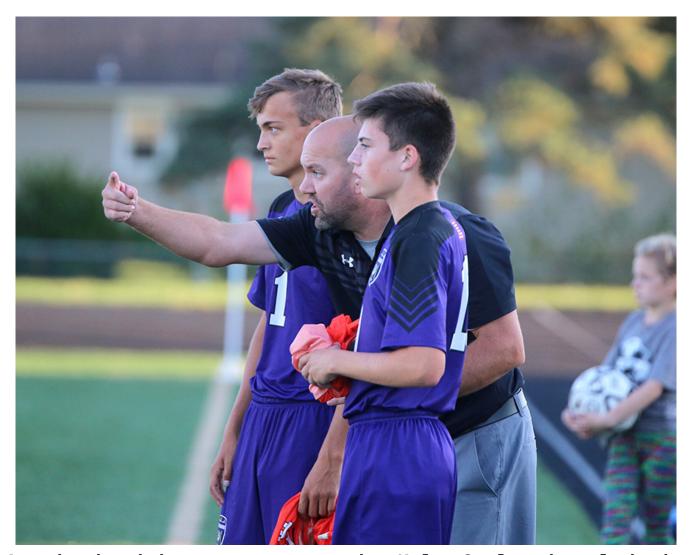
In his first season as the boys

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.

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had two corner kick opportunities in the final minute-andhalf, 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.

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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	
Member Schools - 32 Range: 1854 - 1092		Member Schools - 32 Range: 1083 - 655		Member Schools - 32 Range: 654 - 340		Member Schools - 48 Range: 324 - 168	
Wichita-East	1854		1083	Lansing	654	Baldwin	324
Wichita-North	1691		1049	Great Bend	651	Topeka-Hayden	314
Wichita-Southeast	1662		1045	Lenexa-St. James Academy		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 Height		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		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.		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. Carme		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
						Lindsborg-Smoky Valley	200
						Galena	199
						Scott Community	198
						Caney Valley	192
						Perry-Lecompton	192
						Larned	188
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Cimarron	168	Whitewater-Remington	111	Herington	98	Sylvan-Lucas Unified	66
Lyons	168	Conway Springs	110	Bennington	97	Rural Vista (White City / Hope	e) 65
Wellsville	167	Horton	110	Hoxie	97	Peabody-Burns	64
Haven	166	Sedgwick	108	Yates Center	96	Bucklin	61
Hoisington	162	Arma-Northeast	106	Medicine Lodge	95	Minneola	61
Osage City	161	Brookville-Ell-Saline	106	Hill City	94	Victoria	61
Seneca-Nemaha Central	161	Richmond-Central Heights	106	Howard-West Elk	93	Caldwell	60
Fredonia	159	Wabaunsee	105	Pratt-Skyline	93	Satanta	60
Silver Lake	158	Wichita-The Independent	103	Leoti-Wichita County	90	Kensington-Thunder Ridge	59
Easton-Pleasant Ridge	156	Lyndon	99	Spearville	90	Onaga	59
		Sublette	99	WaKeeney-Trego Community		Downs-Lakeside	58
Riverton	155 153	Ellinwood	98	Moundridge	88	Mankato-Rock Hills	58
Neodesha	-		98	Sedan	88	Coldwater-South Central	57
Norton Community	153	Oakley	98	Cottonwood Falls-Chase Co.	84	Lebo	57
Beloit	150	Salina-Sacred Heart	-	Stockton	84	Quinter	57
Anthony/Harper-Chaparral		Uniontown	98		82		54
Kingman	148	Johnson-Stanton County	96	Attica/Argonia		Beloit-St. John's/Tipton	54
Eureka	147	Winchester-		Valley Falls	82	Osborne	
Pomona-West Franklin	144	Jefferson Co. North	94	Burlingame	80	South Haven	53
Douglass	142	Inman	93	Canton-Galva	79	Wakefield	52
Kismet-Southwestern Hts.	141	Elkhart	90	Goessel	79	Hutchinson-Central Christia	
Lakin	141	Plainville	89	Meade	79	Ingalls	51
St. Marys	141	Pleasanton	86	Ness City	79	Sharon Springs-Wallace Co.	51
Hays-TMP-Marian	140	Allen-Northern Heights	85	Washington County	79	St. Francis	51
Oskaloosa	140	Blue Rapids-Valley Heights	82	Little River	78	St. Paul	51
Minneapolis	139	Smith Center	82	Shawnee-Maranatha		Claffin-Central Plains	50
Ellsworth	137	Holton-Jackson Heights	78	Christian Academy	77	Hartford	50
Atchison-Maur Hill-Mt Acad	135	Troy	70	Cedar Vale/ Dexter	76	Norwich	50
Rossville	135	Olpe	69	Burden-Central	75	Scandia-Pike Valley	50
Effingham-		Centralia	62	Langdon-Fairfield	75	Colony-Crest	49
Atchinson Co Comm.	130			Madison/Hamilton	75	Frankfort	49
Erie	130			Solomon	75	Melvern-MDCV	49
Hillsboro	129			Udall	74	Buffalo-Altoona Midway	48
Humboldt	129			Atwood-Rawlins County	72	Dighton	48
Mound City-Jayhawk Linn				Highland-Doniphan West	72	Hanover	47
Phillipsburg	128			La Crosse	72	Leroy-Southern Coffey Co.	47
Wathena-Riverside	127			Oswego	72	Chetopa	46
Belle Plaine	124			Kinsley	71	Logan/Palco	46
				Clyde-Clifton Clyde	70	Lost Springs-Centre	46
Syracuse	121			Oberlin-Decatur Community		Otis-Bison	46
Garden Plain	120			Rosalia-Flinthills	70	Linn	43
Ellis	119			Jetmore-Hodgeman County	69	Waverly	42
Cherokee-Southeast	118			Lincoln	69	Southern Cloud	44
Belleville-Republic County				Macksville	69	(Miltonvale / Glasco)	40
McLouth	117			Oxford	69	Stafford	40
Eskridge-Mission Valley	116				68	Wetmore	39
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Leon-Bluestem	112			Greensburg-Kiowa County	67	Grainfield-	0.00
Marion	112			St. John-Hudson	67	Wheatland/Grinnell	38
Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan				Montezuma-South Gray	66	Randolph-Blue Valley	38
Sterling	112			Pretty Prairie	66	Kiowa-South Barber	37
						Winona-Triplains/Brewster	36
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						Axtell	30
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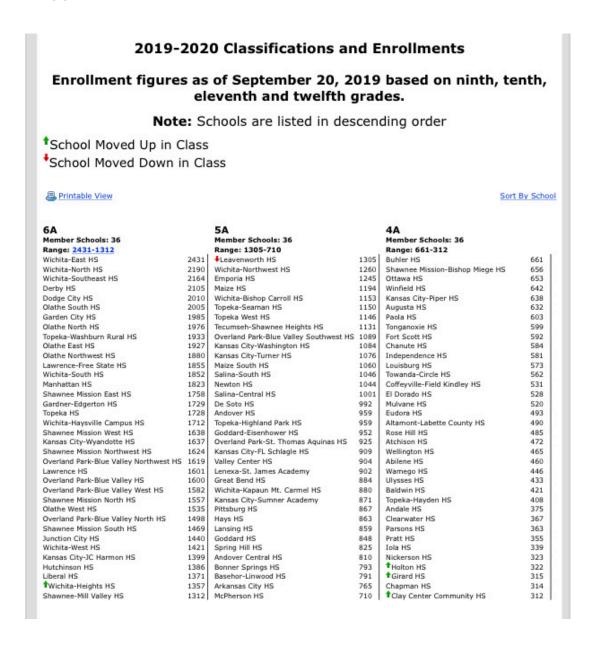


Goddard, Pittsburg and Spring Hill all saw their enrollment grow and will be moving up from 4A to 5A next year. Baldwin

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.



3A Member Schools: 64		2A Member Schools: 64		1A Member Schools: 117	
Range: 305-172	1939	Range: 171-109	187	Range: 108-14	
Garnett-Anderson County HS Concordia HS	305	Mound City-Jayhawk Linn H5 Oskaloosa H5	171	Stockton HS Elbing-Berean Academy	108
Wichita-Trinity Academy	303	Belle Plaine HS	170	Little River HS	105
Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS	300	Rossville HS	169	Meade HS	103
Osawatomie HS	296 296	Elisworth HS	168	Ness City HS Washington County HS	103
St. George-Rock Creek HS	294	♦ Wathena-Riverside HS	164	Udall HS	102
laxter Springs HS	286	Conway Springs HS	160	♣Goessel HS	101
Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS toyt-Royal Valley HS	286	Belleville-Republic County HS Garden Plain HS	158	Valley Falls HS Oswego HS	101
lugoton HS	280	Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic HS	158	Burden-Central HS	97
lesston HS	279	Cherokee-Southeast HS	157	Troy HS	97
rontenac HS feriden-Jefferson West HS	276	Eskridge-Mission Valley HS Arma-Northeast HS	156	Macksville HS Atwood-Rawlins County HS	96 95
liawatha HS	273	Hillsboro HS	155	Rosalia-Flinthills HS	95
ialena HS	270	Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy	155	La Crosse HS	94
aCygne-Prairie View HS lolcomb HS	270 266	Ellis HS Syracuse HS	154	Solomon HS Burlingame HS	93
farysville HS	266	McLouth HS	152	Lincoln HS	92
richita Collegiate HS	266	Whitewater-Remington HS	152	Oberlin-Decatur Community HS Oxford HS	91
cott Community HS aney Valley HS	265 263	Horton HS Sterling HS	150	St. John-Hudson HS	91
indsborg-Smoky Valley HS	263	Marion HS	146	Clyde-Clifton Clyde HS	90
olby HS	262	Leon-Bluestern HS	144	Jetmore-Hodgeman County HS	90
urlington HS erry-Lecompton HS	260 252	Wichita-The Independent HS Richmond-Central Heights HS	142	Peabody-Burns HS Kinsley HS	90
oodland HS	246	Sedgwick HS	140	Langdon-Fairfield HS	89
relisville HS	243	Alma-Wabaunsee HS	139	Highland-Doniphan West HS	87
arned HS	242	Brookville-Ell-Saline HS	139	Olpe HS	87
ussell HS heney HS	239	Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan HS Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian HS	139 136	Centralia HS Montezuma-South Gray HS	86
abetha HS	237	Medicine Lodge HS	134	Moran-Marmaton Valley HS	86
ley County HS	231	Lawrence-Bishop Seabury Academy	132	Greensburg-Klowa County HS	85
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redonia HS	213	Plainville HS	127	Pretty Prairie HS	78
yons HS	213	Sublette HS	127	Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS	78
ilver Lake HS eloit HS	213	Inman HS Yates Center HS	126	Norwich HS Victoria HS	77
eneca-Nemaha Central HS	210	Elimecod HS	124	Coldwater-South Central HS	76
imarron HS	207	Pratt-Skyline HS	123	Mankato-Rock Hills HS	76
oisington HS	205	Wakeeney-Trego Community HS	122	Satanta HS	76 75
orton Community HS sage City HS	204	Uniontown HS Herington HS	120	Kensington-Thunder Ridge HS Osborne HS	75
aston-Pleasant Ridge HS	203	Smith Center HS	119	Madison HS	74
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tchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy	184	Cottonwood Falls-Chase County HS	113	Downs-Lakeside HS	67
linneapolis HS	184	Holton-Jackson Heights HS	113	Wakefield HS	67
ays-Thomas More Prep-Marian HS t. Marys HS	182	Canton-Galva HS Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS	112	Hartford HS Quinter HS	66
louglass HS	178	Moundridge HS	110	Dighton HS	65
Effingham-Atchison Co Community HS		Shawnee-Maranatha Christian Academy		Frankfort HS	65
Humboldt HS	174 172	Leoti-Wichita County HS	109	Melvern-Marais Des Cygnes Valley HS St. Paul HS	65
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				Colony-Crest HS	63
				Randolph-Blue Valley HS	63
				Scandia-Pike Valley HS Lost Springs-Centre HS	63
				South Haven HS	62
				Rexford-Golden Plains HS	61
				Chetopa HS Sharon Springs-Wallace County HS	60
				Buffalo-Altoona Midway HS	59
				Leroy-Southern Coffey County HS	58
				Otis-Bison HS Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell HS	58
				Stafford HS	57
				Ashland HS	56
				Linn HS Tribune-Greekey County HS	56 55
				Beloit-St. John's HS	54
				Waverly HS	54
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				Argonia HS	48
				Cunningham HS	48
				Klowa-South Barber HS Rolla HS	48 46
				Moscow HS	45
				Axtell HS	42
				Bird City-Cheylin HS Chase HS	42
				Hope HS	42
				Cedar Vale HS	40
				Rozel-Pawnee Heights HS	40
				Tescott HS Wichita-Central Christian Academy	40
				Almena-Northern Valley HS	39
				White City HS	39
				Logan HS Wilson HS	38
				Wilson HS Fowler HS	35
				Natoma HS	30
				Ransom-Western Plains HS	29
				Weskan HS Brewster HS	29
				Palco HS	28
				Glasco HS	27
				Longton-Elk Valley HS Hamilton HS	26

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.