

# 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<sup>th</sup> 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.”

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## **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.

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## **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 Seufferling 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **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		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
						Lindsborg-Smoky Valley	200
						Galena	199
						Scott Community	198
						Caney Valley	192
						Perry-Lecompton	192
						Larned	188
						Cherryvale	186
						Marysville	183
						Cheney	182
						Goodland	182
						Riley County	182
						Russell	181
						Council Grove	180
						Sabetha	173
						Gypsum-Southeast of Saline	171
						Halstead	168

\* *Note: Per classification Rule 5-2-2, enrollment ties are broken by using the previous classification cycle count.*



**2A****Schools - 48****Range: 168 - 112**

Cimarron	168
Lyons	168
Wellsville	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****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****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-Marana	
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
Rosalie-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

**8-Player Division II****Schools - 52****Range: 66 - 29**

Sylvan-Lucas Unified	66
Rural Vista (White City/Hope)	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
Claffin-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	
(Miltonvale/Glasco)	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

Member Schools: 36

Range: **2431-1312**

Wichita-East HS  
Wichita-North HS  
Wichita-Southeast HS  
Derby HS  
Dodge City HS  
Olathe South HS  
Garden City HS  
Olathe North HS  
Topeka-Washburn Rural HS  
Olathe East HS  
Olathe Northwest HS  
Lawrence-Free State HS  
Wichita-South HS  
Manhattan HS  
Shawnee Mission East HS  
Gardner-Edgerton HS  
Topeka HS  
Wichita-Haysville Campus HS  
Shawnee Mission West HS  
Kansas City-Wyandotte HS  
Shawnee Mission Northwest HS  
Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest HS  
Lawrence HS  
Overland Park-Blue Valley HS  
Overland Park-Blue Valley West HS  
Shawnee Mission North HS  
Olathe West HS  
Overland Park-Blue Valley North HS  
Shawnee Mission South HS  
Junction City HS  
Wichita-West HS  
Kansas City-JC Harmon HS  
Hutchinson HS  
Liberal HS  
↑ Wichita-Heights HS  
Shawnee-Mill Valley HS

2431 ↓ Leavenworth HS  
2190 Wichita-Northwest HS  
2164 Emporia HS  
2105 Maize HS  
2010 Wichita-Bishop Carroll HS  
2005 Topeka-Seaman HS  
1985 Topeka West HS  
1976 Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights HS  
1933 Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest HS  
1927 Kansas City-Washington HS  
1880 Kansas City-Turner HS  
1855 Maize South HS  
1852 Salina-South HS  
1823 Newton HS  
1758 Salina-Central HS  
1729 De Soto HS  
1728 Andover HS  
1712 Topeka-Highland Park HS  
1638 Goddard-Eisenhower HS  
1637 Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas HS  
1624 Kansas City-FL Schlegle HS  
1619 Valley Center HS  
1601 Lenexa-St. James Academy  
1600 Great Bend HS  
1582 Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS  
1557 Kansas City-Sumner Academy  
1535 Pittsburg HS  
1498 Hays HS  
1469 Lansing HS  
1440 Goddard HS  
1421 Spring Hill HS  
1399 Andover Central HS  
1386 Bonner Springs HS  
1371 Basehor-Linwood HS  
1357 Arkansas City HS  
1312 McPherson HS

#### 4A

Member Schools: 36

Range: **661-312**

Buhler HS  
Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege HS  
Ottawa HS  
Winfield HS  
Kansas City-Piper HS  
Augusta HS  
Paola HS  
Tonganoxie HS  
Fort Scott HS  
Chanute HS  
Independence HS  
Louisburg HS  
Towanda-Circle HS  
Coffeyville-Field Kindley HS  
El Dorado HS  
Mulvane HS  
Eudora HS  
Altamont-Labette County HS  
Rose Hill HS  
Atchison HS  
Wellington HS  
Abilene HS  
Warrego HS  
Ulysses HS  
Baldwin HS  
Topeka-Hayden HS  
Andale HS  
Clearwater HS  
Parsons HS  
Pratt HS  
Iola HS  
Nickerson HS  
↑ Holton HS  
↑ Girard HS  
Chapman HS  
↑ Clay Center Community HS

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

Garrett-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-Lecompton 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
Nesdesha 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**

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
Esbridge-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-Wabaussee HS	139
Brookville-Elk-Saline HS	139
Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan HS	139
Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian HS	136
Medicine Lodge HS	134
Lawrence-Bishop Seebury 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
Spearsville HS	109

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

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
Burdett-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
Minneola 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.

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## **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."

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## **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.

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## Wildcats remain unbeaten with win over Bonner Springs



**Louisburg defender Michael Seufferling 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.”

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**Frontier League sends  
proposal to KSHSAA to  
separate private schools**





A big change to the Kansas High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) postseason could be coming sooner rather than later if a proposal, submitted by the Frontier League, passes the KSHSAA Board of Directors and its member schools.

Last month the Frontier League, led by Paola High School principal Jeff Hines and Louisburg superintendent Dr. Brian Biermann, petitioned KSHSAA to separate public and private schools into their own postseason competitions.

In order for it pass, the petition must be signed by 20 percent of the 355 member schools according to KSHSAA bi-laws. The Frontier League got the 71 needed petitions and have now submitted this to appear in front of the KSHSAA Board of Directors for vote in their Sept. 18 meeting.

The board of directors would then have to pass it by simple majority of those in attendance to bring the proposal to a vote from all the member schools.

"Kansas needs to catch up with the rest of the country and get this competitive imbalance under control in our state," Hines said. "The longer we wait then more students

will be negatively impacted. We have a responsibility as educators to create the best opportunities possible for our students. No one can honestly say we have the best system possible right now. It can definitely be improved.”

The proposal submitted by the Frontier League is the same one the state of Texas uses that keeps the schools in their same classification, but only separates the schools come postseason.

Other options were discussed before submitting the proposal, such as implementing a multiplier on all private schools like Missouri currently does. In fact, it is the most popular proposal among the schools that were surveyed by Hines last January.

They also talked about the “Oklahoma model” where schools are bumped up a classification based on success for competitive balance.

Seventy-four percent of the schools said they would support a population multiplier, 64 percent would support competitive balance factors and 51 percent would support separate divisions.

However, KSHSAA would not be able to make this change with a multiplier due to state statute K.S.A. 72-130 that states a high school association “must establish a system of classification of

member high schools according to student attendance.”

KSHSAA would not be able to pass a new bi-law that goes against state statute, and therefore, the Kansas State Legislature would have reword the statue to allow the association to make those changes.

The Frontier League believes the Texas model, or separate postseason divisions, does not deal with classifications. Also, this model had more support from 5A and 6A schools as neither classification would likely vote for a multiplier.

“We don’t view that as a classification decision as we are not affecting classification, but KSHSAA and their lawyers view that it is,” Biermann said. “5A and 6A schools that we talked to really wanted us to push for the Texas model because they don’t want to play them (private schools) either. The biggest thing for me is if 5 and 6A schools don’t want to play them, then why do we? As a superintendent, I am supposed to create opportunities for kids. We had four teams last year in both soccer teams, football and volleyball that all saw their season end to Bishop Miege. It is not right that we have kids and coaches that work their tails off and they don’t have the opportunity to win.

“Am I all about state championships? Absolutely not. But we also know the reality of it in the current system. Winning state championships is important for communities and is always a goal. I am not ever going to give up on this idea and neither will the Frontier League.”

The public versus private school debate has been going on for the last several years and Hines

has been leading  
the charge since 2015 when he put together a study that  
displayed the disparity  
of state championships won by private schools.

In 2018-19, private schools won 32  
percent of the state championships in Classes 5A through 1A.  
There are currently  
no private schools in 6A. Twenty-one of those 24 state titles  
were won by  
private schools in Class 4A and 5A.

That is a high number considering  
that out of the 355 member schools, only 27 of them are  
private.

The Frontier League wanted to see change, so Hines surveyed  
the 355 member schools late last year and presented his  
findings to KSHSAA in January. More than 88 percent of the  
schools responded, that included 22 private institutions, and  
87 percent said they want the current system changed.

**Presentation of Public/Private School Survey Results  
to The KSHSAA Executive Board**

January 10, 2019

**Results from Survey**

313 of the 355 KSHSAA Member Schools Responded – 88.2%

291 Public Schools Responded

22 Private Schools Responded

273 Member Schools voted YES to support a change in the current structure

271 Public Schools Voted Yes for Change

2 Private Schools Voted for Change

40 Member Schools voted NO to support a change in the current structure

20 Public Schools Voted No for Change

20 Private Schools Voted No for Change

**87.2% voted that they want the current system changed.**

	<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	<b>Support Change</b>
<b>1A</b>	82.9%	92.8%
<b>2A</b>	89.0%	84.2%
<b>3A</b>	98.4%	85.6%
<b>4A</b>	100.0%	88.9%
<b>5A</b>	88.8%	81.3%
<b>6A</b>	77.7%	82.1%
<b>Total</b>	88.2%	87.2%

**School Superintendent Response Rate**

175 School Superintendents Responded

169 out of 175 Support Change

96.6% Support Change

**Principal Response Rate**

182 Principals Responded

84.6% Support Change

**Activities Director Response Rate**

200 Activities Directors Responded

85% Support Change

Although most schools said they would support the multiplier model more, Hines and the rest of the league schools, believe it is the best way to proceed at this time.



“Our survey indicated that separate divisions was the least popular option among member schools, however as a league we feel like it is the most appropriate option,” Hines said. “A multiplier will pass through and will be our next option if this does not go through. A multiplier will impact many private schools that are not quasi sports academies that are not very successful in athletics. The separate divisions avoids this situation.”

If the proposal does pass the board of directors, KSHSAA will then put it to a vote with all 355 member schools and it must pass by a simple majority and by four of the six classes.

From there, KSHSAA executive director Bill Faflick would take it to the Kansas Legislature before change could be implemented.

“We know it won’t happen overnight,” Biermann said. “Even if this passes, nothing will change this year and probably not the following year. It could be three years out with the way football schedules take shape. We are honestly ok with that if we knew that there was light at the end of the tunnel. If this would not pass, we would turn right around and do the multiplier one.”

Despite what happens at the

upcoming board of directors meeting, Hines believes changes to the system will happen sooner rather than later.

“I am now confident something will get done,” Hines said. “I think it will ultimately take a multiplier to get something done. If the separate divisions fails then we will propose a multiplier for the spring board of directors meeting.”

A lot of obstacles are still in the way for change to happen, whether it has to deal with state statues or member votes, but none of the schools in the nine-member Frontier League are going to stop until they see a more even playing field.

“I am very proud of the Frontier League, and even though we compete against each other, we are very unified on this,” Biermann said. “It is about fairness and equality and I am tired of having my kids at Louisburg High School not having the same opportunity as some others. The throttle is down and it is going to stay down.”

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## **Wildcats stay unbeaten with road win at Basehor-Linwood**



Louisburg sophomore Hunter Rogers makes a pass to a Wildcat

## **teammate Tuesday at Basehor-Linwood High School.**

BASEHOR – A pair of contrasting styles was on display Tuesday at Basehor-Linwood High School as a smaller and quicker Louisburg team squared off with a big and physical Basehor-Linwood squad.

Speed won out this time around.

Louisburg scored a pair of first half goals and never looked back in a 3-0 shutout of Basehor-Linwood and the Wildcats have yet to lose as they are now 3-0 on the season.

“We just needed play quicker so they couldn’t come get to us,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “We struggled a little bit with that early, but we started to play the ball quicker, moving it quicker and then they had to chase us. If you try to play physical with a team that is twice our size, we are obviously going to lose that match. It was good for our boys to realize what our advantage was and to take advantage of that.

“Basehor is a big, strong and talented team and they have a relentless attack. They are really good and I think we held up strong back there.”

The Wildcat defense did its job as it posted its second shutout of the season, thanks in part to the Louisburg back line of senior Will Frank, junior Luke Faulkner, sophomore Michael Seuferling and freshman Toby Espina Roca. For Frank, it was the first match of the season after coming back from injury, and the returning starter provided stability in the back.

Senior goalie Garrett Rolofson also turned away several Bobcat shots as he ended the night with five saves.

“The four of them played really well and they did their job,” Conley said of his defense. “We rotated through and they kept playing hard. Toby played well, Luke played well on the back side and I think Michael might have been the man of the match. Will did a good job in the middle, so those guys did a good job of holding their line and holding their ground and not giving an inch.

“Will got his first start, so it was nice to have him back. We probably played him a little too much, but that is ok. He was being a leader back there for us.”



**Junior Treston Carlson celebrates his goal with teammate Braden Yows on Tuesday in the Wildcats' 3-0 win in Basehor.** Fifteen minutes into the match, the Wildcats got on the board. Freshman Ethan Ptacek raced down the right side of the field, beat his defender and found the back of the net on a breakaway opportunity to give Louisburg the lead.

Junior Treston Carlson added on to it later in the half when he connected on a shot from 25 yards out that sailed over the Bobcat goalie's head to give the Wildcats a two-goal advantage.

Freshman Cade Gassman cemented the win in the second half with a goal of his own with 13 minutes remaining in the



match on an assist from Braden Yows. Gassman had four of the team's 12 shots on goal and was on the attack most of the night.

"We have spots that we have to clean up really quick, but for the most part I thought we played really well," Conley said. "I thought we possessed the ball well, broke them down a little bit and had a lot of chances on goal where we could have scored even more."



**Freshman Ethan Ptacek wins a header Tuesday at Basehor. Ptacek scored the team's first goal.**

The Wildcats will try and stay undefeated today when it hosts Bonner Springs. The match has been moved up to 4 p.m. due to weather concerns.

Louisburg, which defeated Bonner Springs in overtime last season, will face a Braves squad that is looking for a little revenge from a year ago.

“Bonner graduated 16 seniors, but they are a much different team and have a different philosophy,” Conley said. “They do a good job of listening to their coach and they are going to play hard and play quick. We are going to have to do our job and execute, otherwise it could be a rough night.

“We have to come ready to go. The Frontier League is the best league in the state when it comes to 4A soccer, so it is going to be a battle every night and I am sure Bonner will be ready to go.”

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## Carlson's goal gives Louisburg thrilling overtime win over Paola



Members of the Louisburg boys soccer team rush the field Thursday in Paola to surround teammate Treston Carlson, who

**scored the game-winning goal in overtime to give the Wildcats a 3-2 victory.**

PAOLA – Through the first 45 minutes of the match with rival Paola, nothing seemed to go right for the Louisburg soccer team.

Paola jumped out to a two-goal lead early in the second half and the Wildcats had a hard time getting much going offensively. Louisburg was staring at its first loss of the season.

“We just didn’t play well at all, especially in the first 20 minutes,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “Paola had pressure, took it at us and they got a penalty kick early and all of a sudden we were shocked. Then they got up 2-0 on us early in the second half and Paola had all the momentum. We needed to make something happen.”

Then – all of a sudden – something changed. In a game where the Panthers had everything going it way, Louisburg got some momentum of its own to steal a win on the road.

The Wildcats rallied to notch a 3-2 result in overtime thanks to a header from junior Treston Carlson that sealed the comeback win for Louisburg. That finish capped a turn of events that led Louisburg to its second consecutive win to start the season.

“It was a great win because we are a young team still trying to figure out how to play,” Conley said. “It was awesome to

see them finish the game and I am so proud of my kids. They just grinded and battled. They could have easily put their head down when it was 2-0, but to be quite honest, 2-0 is the worst lead to have in soccer. Once we got a goal, the momentum just shifted and all of a sudden we were playing like gangbusters.”

It did, indeed.

Paola took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a penalty kick, and then in the opening minutes of the second, went up two on a goal from senior Ryan Wokutch.

With 27 minutes left in the match, the tide started to turn for the Wildcats. Paola's Gabriel Luna was issued a red card and the Panthers were forced to play a man down the rest of the way.

It gave Louisburg the spark it was looking for as the Wildcats put pressure on the Panther defense and were eventually awarded a penalty kick with 22 minutes left in regulation. Freshman Cade Gassman converted the opportunity to cut the Paola lead in half and the Wildcats were off and running.





**Freshman Cade Gassman goes up for a header Thursday against Paola.**

Another freshman, Ethan Ptacek, got in on the fun six minutes later when he tied the match on his first varsity goal.

“The worst thing was, Ethan was wide open for a long time and we just couldn’t get it to him,” Conley said. “We were able to get it to him and he was pretty excited to score his first varsity goal for sure. The game really turned after that. Paola was ping-pong on empty and were trying to gut it out, but we just had the fresher legs and the momentum.”

Paola also had to deal with cramping with several of their players throughout the second half and the

Panthers were forced to shuffle players in and out. It all led to a thrilling finish in overtime for the Wildcats.

“Hats off to Paola because they played down a man for a long time,” Conley said. “They had kids fighting through cramps all night and they played their butts off. I think the difference was we were just a little deeper than they were and it paid off.”

Four minutes into overtime, the Wildcats were able to finish it off when sophomore Braden Yows crossed the ball into the box, and it eventually found the head of Carlson, who put it away for the win.



**Louisburg defender Toby Espina Roca clears the ball away from the goal Thursday against Paola.**

The entire Louisburg bench stormed the Panther Stadium field in celebration of a win they hope turns into plenty more down the road.

"This is what rivalry games are all about," Conley said. "Paola played really hard and fought through a lot of adversity, but I am so proud of our kids and how they kept fighting and battling through it all. When you win tough games like this it is a heck of a confidence builder and I am glad we just had enough gas left in the tank to get the win. It became more of a game of attrition than anything

else.”

Louisburg will try for its third straight win today when it travels to Basehor-Linwood. Varsity is set to begin at 6 p.m.