

Raiders, Trojans start season in state ranking

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The Kansas Volleyball Association released the preseason rankings on Thursday and three CNC League schools made the top-10 in Class 3A, including two Crawford County schools.

Returning state qualifiers Girard and Frontenac are No. 7 and No. 9, respectively, while sub-state runner-up Riverton rounds out the rankings at No. 10. Defending state champion Halstead (43-2 last season) holds the top spot and the other six ranked teams are No. 2 Nemaha Central, No. 3 Hoisington, No. 4 Beloit, No. 5 Neodesha,

No. 6 Royal Valley and No. 8 Silver Lake.

Frontenac opens its season Tuesday in Neodesha.

The top-ranked schools in the other classes are Mill Valley (6A), St. Thomas Aquinas (5A), Bishop Miege (4A), Ellinwood (2A), Little River (1A-Div. 1) and Hanover (1A-Div. 2). Mill Valley, Aquinas, Miege, Little River and Hanover all won state titles last season.

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Nebraska holds off Cincinnati for 20-17 win at Arrowhead

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dylan Raiola threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns, and Malcolm Hartzog Jr. picked off Brendan Sorsby’s pass in the end zone with 34 seconds left, preserving Nebraska’s 20-17 victory over Cincinnati on Thursday night at Arrowhead Stadium.

Emmett Johnson had 108 yards rushing, and Dane Key and Nyziah Hunter had touchdown grabs for the Huskers, who are trying to build off a 7-6 finish a year ago in which five of their losses were decided by a single score.

“This is going to

build us some confidence for sure. A lot of people say we can’t win the close game,” said Hartzog, who had been called for pass interference just before his interception. “We got the team to do it — the players, the staff, the people.”

Sorsby had just 69 yards passing for the Bearcats, but he also had 96 rushing and two scores. And he gamely led his team to two second-half touchdowns, and nearly a third that could have won the game had Hartzog not been in the right place.

“I really believe if that falls incomplete,” Bearcats coach Scott Satterfield said, “we were going to go down and score.”

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For the Class 2A Panthers, it’s a great opportunity to go against 5A (Pittsburg), 4A (Fort Scott) and 3A (Frontenac) competition before the start of the regular season.

“We found some things that we need to work on in practice,” Colgan head coach Cathy Oplotnik said. “There were a few positive things. There were a few negative things. It gives us something to work towards.

“That’s what makes it (the jamboree) good. Sometimes, you feel really good at practice

and when you come out and play against other teams, you actually see the things you need to improve on.

“The jamboree has always been fun. We have four solid teams and that makes it even better for us. It’s all local teams that bring a big crowd to come to the games, as well. It’s great competition for all of us.”

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VOLLEYBALL

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perience. We fought through a couple hard years and now I feel like our hard work is paying off.”

The Dragons’ seniors are Ivery Watts, Lauren Crawford, Onna Jorge, Adessah Reed, Kadence Burns, Kadence Messer and Maren Stumo. The juniors are Erika Maxwell, Sarah Miller and Brilee Mantooth. Lone sophomore McKenzie English makes the leap to varsity.

“We’ve got McKenzie English stepping up,” Riggs said. “She’s only a sophomore, but she’s playing for us on the outside. Erika Maxwell was an outside for us last year, but we made her into a libero and she’s doing great. We’ve got some

kids that are playing new positions, but they’re so good they’re only going to continue to get better.”

The Dragons open their season next Thursday at home against Southeast Kansas League foes Independence, Labette County and Parsons. They have varsity home dates with Frontenac (Sept. 18) and Coffeyville and Parsons (Sept. 30).

The Dragons play in tournaments at Frontenac (Sept. 13), Carl Junction, Mo. (Sept. 27) and Andover (Oct. 4).

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County Election Officer’s Notice of School Board Election		The polling places in all voting precincts and precinct parts of the County are as follows:
NOTICE		
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A 2018(e) a General Election of board members for Unified School Districts numbered 246, 247, 248, 249 and 250 in Crawford County, Kansas will be conducted on the 4th day of November, 2025 at the following precincts. Notice is further given that the polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.		Arcadia In Town - Arcadia Comm Center Lincoln-Arcadia SD 246 - Arcadia Comm Center Chicopee SD 247 - Chicopee Comm Center Chicopee SD 250 - Chicopee Comm Center Lone Star SD 247 - Chicopee Comm Center Lone Star SD 248 - Chicopee Comm Center Lone Star SD 249 - Chicopee Comm Center Lone Star SD 250 - Chicopee Comm Center Cherokee In Town - Cherokee City Tornado Shelter Cherokee-Sheridan SD 247 - Cherokee City Tornado Shelter Cherokee-Sheridan SD 247 HD - Cherokee City Tornado Shelter Sheridan-Cherokee in Town - Cherokee City Tornado Shelter Sheridan Out of Town - Cherokee City Tornado Shelter Sheridan Out of Town HD - Cherokee City Tornado Shelter Baker SD 247 - Church of Christ Baker SD 250 - Church of Christ Opolis - Church of Christ Pittsburg 1p-1w - Church of Christ Pittsburg 2p-1w - Church of Christ Pittsburg 3p-1w - Church of Christ Pittsburg 1p-4w - Countryside Christian Church Hall Pittsburg 2p-4w - Countryside Christian Church Hall Pittsburg 3p-4w - Countryside Christian Church Hall Pittsburg 4p-4w SD 249- Countryside Christian Church Hall Pittsburg 4p-4w SD 250- Countryside Christian Church Hall Pittsburg 5p-4w - Countryside Christian Church Hall Pittsburg 6p-4w - Countryside Christian Church Hall Smelter SD 249 - Countryside Christian Church Hall Smelter SD 250 - Countryside Christian Church Hall Sherman SD 248 - Farlington Sherman SD 235 - Farlington Walnut In Town - Immanuel Lutheran Hall Walnut Township SD 101 - Immanuel Lutheran Hall Walnut Township SD 248 - Immanuel Lutheran Hall Hepler In Town - Immanuel Lutheran Hall Walnut-Hepler SD 101 - Immanuel Lutheran Hall Walnut-Hepler SD 248 - Immanuel Lutheran Hall Brazilton - Immanuel Lutheran Hall McCune In Town - McCune Comm Center Osage-McCune Out of Town - McCune Comm Center Osage-McCune Out of Town HD - McCune Comm Center Pittsburg 1p-3w - Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium Pittsburg 2p-3w SD 249 - Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium Pittsburg 2p-3w SD 250 - Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium Frontenac 1st Ward - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Frontenac 2nd Ward SD 249 - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Frontenac 2nd Ward SD 250 - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Frontenac 3rd Ward - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Frontenac 4th Ward - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Capaldo SD 249 - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Capaldo SD 249 HD - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Capaldo SD 246 - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Capaldo SD 246 HD - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Capaldo SD 248 - Sacred Heart Parrish Hall Pittsburg 1p-2w - St John’s Lutheran Hall Pittsburg 2p-2w - St John’s Lutheran Hall Pittsburg 3p-2w - St John’s Lutheran Hall Pittsburg 4p-2w - St John’s Lutheran Hall Pittsburg 5p-2w - St John’s Lutheran Hall Lincoln SD 246 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Lincoln SD 248 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Lincoln SD 246 HD - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma South Arma In Town - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma South Arma SD 246 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma South Arma SD 248 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma South Arma SD 246 HD - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma North Arma In Town - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma North Arma SD 246 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma North Arma SD 248-St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma North Arma SD 246 HD - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Franklin SD 246 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Franklin SD 246 HD - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Franklin SD 248 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Parkview SD 246 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Parkview SD 249 - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Crowe - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Mulberry 1st Ward - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Mulberry 2nd Ward - St Joseph Parrish Hall Arma Raymond - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Girard 1st Ward - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Girard 2nd Ward - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Girard 3rd Ward - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Girard 4th Ward - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Beulah SD 247 - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Beulah SD 248 - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Crawford - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Grant SD 505 - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Grant SD 247 - St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard Grant SD 248-St Michael’s Parrish Hall Girard
Pursuant to the foregoing County Election Officer’s Notice of the General Election to be held and Unified School District Members to be chosen, I hereby certify that the following named persons are candidates for their respective Board Member positions.		
In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official Seal of the county this 30th day of August, 2025.		
Lisa Lusker Crawford County Clerk and Election Officer		
(SEAL)		
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 246		
POSITION NO. 4 – Bonnie Hines POSITION NO. 5 – Gary A. Lofts POSITION NO. 6 - Deborah Russell		
VOTING PRECINCTS Arcadia Capaldo Crowe Franklin Lincoln Lincoln-Arcadia Mulberry 1st Ward Mulberry 2nd Ward North Arma Washington-North Arma Parkview South Arma Washington-South Arma		
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 247		
POSITION NO.1 (unexpired term) – Whitney Lovell POSITION NO. 4 – Dean T Gravett & Ronald W. Yancey POSITION NO. 5 – Ray Huff & Carmen Gray POSITION NO. 6 – Darren M. Best & Erin Hutching		
VOTING PRECINCTS Baker Beulah Cherokee Cherokee-Sheridan Chicopee Grant Lone Star McCune Osage-McCune Sheridan Twp Sheridan-Cherokee City		
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248		
POSITION NO. 4 - Aaron Coester POSITION NO. 5 – Adam S. Paoni POSITION NO. 6 – Kelly Peak		
VOTING PRECINCTS Beulah Brazilton Capaldo Crawford Franklin Girard 1st Ward Girard 2nd Ward Girard 3rd Ward Girard 4th Ward Grant Hepler Lincoln Lone Star North Arma Washington-North Arma Raymond Sherman Walnut Walnut Twp Walnut-Hepler Washington-South Arma		
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 249		
AT LARGE (3 POSITIONS) 4 Year Term Matthew R. Bonner Scott Kunshek Stephen Hipfl Lindsay Smith Matt Frankenbery		
VOTING PRECINCTS Capaldo Frontenac 1st Ward Frontenac 2nd Ward Frontenac 3rd Ward Frontenac 4th Ward Lone Star Parkview Pittsburg 2p-3w Pittsburg 4p-4w Smelter		
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 250 AT LARGE (3 POSITIONS) 4 Year Term		
Ruth Miller J.J. Karlinger Emily Smith Shaileen R Owens Keith Kloster Emily George Micky Painter		
VOTING PRECINCTS Baker		
(Seal)		