

Warrior football earns first win of the season in OT over Bethany Swedes

Sterling College football defeated Bethany 24-23 on Saturday, Sept. 19 in an overtime thriller.

The Warrior opened the first quarter with a 12-play, 49-yard drive but came away empty after penalties helped push the possession into fourth-and-8 at the Swedes' 26. Defensively, Sean Watson's tackle for a 12-yard loss helped force a Swedes punt, and Sterling later stopped the visitors on fourth down after a fumble near the Swedes the ball near midfield. Ryan Morgan's 38-yard completion to Khyaire Hines moved Sterling's final drive, and the first quarter ended scoreless with Sterling at the Swedes' 10.

The Sterling defense opened the second quar-

ter by turning away Bethany's drive at the Sterling 18, with Jorge Cereceres and Dutton Taylor combining on a fourth-down sack to keep the game at 0-0. Sterling followed with a 75-yard touchdown drive capped by Stephenson Kennard's 32-yard run and Emmanuel Roman's PAT, then added a safety when Troy Werking Jr. sacked Damian Briano in the end zone. The Swedes scored with nine seconds left, but Sterling went to halftime ahead 9-7.

In the third quarter, the Warriors were held scoreless while the Swedes scored on a 23-yard touchdown pass and a 40-yard field goal to put Bethany up 17-9. Jordan McGowan's 41-

yard kickoff return gave Sterling field position at the Swede 49, but the drive ended with Morgan's interception at the Swedes' 20. Sterling later moved from its own 35 to the Bethany 26 before the third quarter ended. However, the drive stalled in the fourth quarter with a fumbled snap.

Sterling's defense held firm in the fourth quarter keeping Bethany scoreless, and the Warriors were able to battle back into the game with 22 seconds left in the fourth quarter. The Warriors used a two-play, 69-yard drive that included Jordan McGowan's 68-yard completion to Nicholas Trepton and Kennard's 1-yard touchdown run.

Kennard also ran in the two-point conversion to finish the scoring sequence. The Swedes had one snap after the kickoff before the fourth quarter ended 17-17.

The Warriors started with possession in overtime with Morgan starting the drive with a 10 yard rush followed by four rushes by Kennard which culminated in another 1-yard touchdown to put Sterling up 24-23.

Defensively, Carlos Lujan blocked the Swedes' extra-point attempt after a fourth-down touchdown in overtime, and Sterling finished with a 24-23 win.

Kennard rushed 34 times for season high 206 yards and three touchdowns while also running in the game-tying

two-point conversion.

Trepton led Sterling receivers with 74 yards on two catches and added a 4-yard rush.

McGowan completed his only pass attempt for 68 yards and rushed for 44 yards on eight carries.

Kenny Dominguez led the defense with nine tackles. Sterling also totaled a season high of four sacks in the game.

Up next, Sterling (1-3) visits Avila (1-3) on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Kansas City, Mo.



Photo by Zoe Opprieht
SC RUNNERS Camryn Gantt and Aaron Fagan pace each other during Friday's home meet.

SC tennis competes in KCAC Fall Championship

Sterling College men's and women's tennis competed in the KCAC Fall Tennis Individual Championship on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19.

For the women Danna Arroyo had a standout performance in the No. 1 singles bracket where she finished third while all other Lady Warriors were able to get a win throughout the championship.

In No. 1 singles bracket play, Arroyo started with a dominant 8-0 win over Alayah Chleboard of Avila. However, she came up short against the No. 1 seed from Bethel, Daniela Casique, where she lost 8-2. Arroyo bounced back in the third-place game, defeating Kansas Wesleyan's Hayden Belamy, 8-4.

Julia Gutierrez started off with a win in the No. 2 singles bracket defeating Jacilyn Seachris of Tabor, 8-1. She then fell to the No. 2 seed, Jewel Henderson from Oklahoma Wesleyan, where she came up short 8-4. Hannah Giordanelli also started with a win in the No. 3 singles bracket where she defeated Southwestern's Lanie Herbig, 8-1. Her day came to an end when she lost to the No. 3 seeded Lauren Van Drunen of McPherson College, 8-1.

In the No. 4 singles bracket, Greta Fankhauser defeated McKylie Cox of Evangel, 8-6 before losing to the No. 1 seeded Oceane Frendjian of Oklahoma Wesleyan, 8-2.

The Lady Warriors continued to find success in doubles play with Arroyo and Gutierrez team-

ing up in the No. 1 doubles play. The duo won their first game 8-2 against Bethany's Elise Richardson and Felis De La Cruz. However, their day came to an end with a loss to the No. 1 seed Rocio Lisette Epsinal and Jewel Henderson from Oklahoma Wesleyan, 8-3.

Fankhauser and Giordanelli teamed up in the No. 2 doubles bracket. They won the first game against Tabor's Jacilyn Seachris and Adah Branam, 8-3. They then came up short against the No. 1 seeded Madeline Henderson and Oceane Frendjian of Oklahoma Wesleyan, 8-2.

SC men.

Fernando Vargas represented the Warriors in the No. 1 singles bracket where he beat Paul Jitawait of Kansas Wesleyan 8-5 in the opening round. However, his day came to an end playing the No. 2 seed Andreas of Seidel from Oklahoma Wesleyan narrowly losing 9-8 with a 7-1 tie-breaker. Jorge Garcia also started off strong with an 8-4 win over Tristan Houchin of Avila University in the No. 2 singles bracket. He then came up short against the No. 1 seeded Billy Hoda of Bethel, losing the match 9-7.

In the No. 3 singles bracket, Raul Barba started off the day with an upset win over the No. 8 seed from Tabor, Bruno Cardoso. Barba won the match 9-8 with a 10-8 tie-breaker set. His day ended with an 8-0 loss to the No. 1 seeded Zaidh Zihar of Bethel.

Phil Fleischer, competing in the No. 4 singles bracket, also had a huge upset win in his first round

where he defeated the No. 6 seed Matheus Albieri from Friends, 8-6. He then lost to Bethel's Lukas Kulich, the No. 3 seed, 8-4. In the No. 5 singles bracket, Camilo Hoguet defeated Porter Anderson of Kansas Wesleyan, 8-4, before losing to the No. 1 seed, Adam Tomka of Bethel, 8-0.

Fynn Ebenig finished out the singles play in the No. 6 singles bracket. He started the day with an 8-1 win over Ayden Cummings from Southwestern. His day ended against the No. 2 seed, Mateo Dargel of Saint Mary, where he lost 8-1.

The Warriors continued to find success in doubles play, with Vargas and Fleischer teaming up in the No. 1 doubles bracket. The duo started with an 8-6 win over Tabor's tayane Sanhaji and Souhaib Saif, but came up short against the No. 1 seeded Jorge Baptista and Billy Haoda of Bethel, 8-5.

Garcia and Barba started of the No. 2 doubles tournament with an 8-4 win over Bruno Cardoso and Joao Sa of Tabor before losing to the No. 1 seeded Mohammed Zihar and Adam Tomka of Bethel, 8-1. Hoguet and Ebenig represented the Warriors in the No. 3 doubles bracket and started with an 8-4 win over Brendan Honn and Ben Drinkwater of Avila University. The duo then lost to the No. 2 seeded Kyle King and Mateo Dargel of Saint Mary, 8-5.

Sterling will be back in action at the ITA Regional in Salina, Kan. on Friday-Sunday, Sept. 25-27.

Lady Warrior soccer falls to nationally ranked Eagles

Sterling women's soccer lost to No. 14 ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan 5-0 on Saturday, Sept. 19 in conference play. The Lady Warriors were held to three shots, including two on goal, while Oklahoma Wesleyan finished with 46 shots and 27 on goal.

Sterling fell into an early hole after the Lady Eagles scored in the fifth and eighth minutes, despite early chances from Natalie Schiavone and Vivian Ramirez. Schiavone had a shot cleared

by a defensive save at :56 and put another on frame at 6:08, while Ramirez sent an attempt high at 8:53. Bella Duckworth helped the Lady Warriors keep the margin at 2-0 through the middle of the half, making six saves between 13:26 and 28:12, and Schiavone added a defensive save during that stretch. Sterling absorbed another wave of pressure late, with Preslie Reffel recording three defensive saves before OKWU scored at 42:25. Duckworth added

one more save in the final seconds, and the Lady Warriors went into half-time trailing 3-0.

The Lady Warriors conceded twice in the first 10 minutes of the second half, with Oklahoma Wesleyan scoring at 52:17 and adding a penalty kick at 54:42 to make it 5-0. Duckworth made multiple saves as Sterling faced steady pressure after the break. Sterling's back line also held through a long stretch, with Makenna Monnier recording de-

fensive saves at 68:54 and 72:47 while the Lady Eagles continued to generate shots and corners. Duckworth added another save in the 77th minute, and OKWU did not score again over the final 35 minutes as the match finished 5-0.

Duckworth recorded 16 saves in 90 minutes in goal. Reffel collected three defensive saves. Monnier added two defensive saves. Schiavone finished with two shots on goal and one defensive save.

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Advanced voting will begin Saturday, October 24th, 2026 at the Rice County Courthouse from 10AM to 2PM, Monday, October 26th – 30th, 2026, at the Rice County Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, 101 W. Commercial, Lyons, KS from 8AM to 5PM. And will end on November 2nd at 12:00 NOON. Done at my office in the City of Lyons, County of Rice, and State of Kansas on this 22nd day of September 2026. Raechel Manley Rice County Election Officer (Published in the Sterling Kansas Bulletin, Sterling, Rice County, Kansas, on September 24, 2026; October 1, 2026 and October 8, 2026). 27.75	
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