



## Weekly Sports Planner

### COLLEGE

#### Friday, Feb. 20

Missouri Western baseball at Pittsburg State, 2 p.m.

Pittsburg State track and field at Arkansas qualifier, Fayetteville, Ark., 12:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 21

Fort Hays State basketball at Pittsburg State, women 1:30 p.m., men 3:30

Missouri-St. Louis softball at Pittsburg State, DH, noon

Missouri Western baseball at Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.

#### Sunday, Feb. 22

McKendree softball at Pittsburg State, DH, noon

Missouri Western baseball at Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 24

Newman baseball at Pittsburg State, 2 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 25

Pittsburg State basketball at Washburn, women 5:30 p.m., men 7:30

#### Friday, Feb. 27

MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Pittsburg State, heptathlon 2 p.m., pentathlon, 2:30 p.m.

Pittsburg State baseball at Arkansas-Fort Smith, 1 p.m.

Pittsburg State softball vs. Truman State, 2:30 p.m., and Concordia-St. Paul, 4:45, Top Gun Invitational at Shawnee, Kan.

#### Saturday, Feb. 28

Pittsburg State basketball at Central Missouri, women 1:30 p.m., men 3:30

MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Pittsburg State, heptathlon 11:30 a.m., track and field events 2 p.m.

Pittsburg State baseball at Arkansas-Fort Smith, 1 p.m.

Pittsburg State softball vs. Rockhurst, 2:30 p.m., at Winona State, 4:45 p.m., Top Gun Invitational at Shawnee, Kan.

#### Sunday, March 1

MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Pittsburg State, field events noon, track events 1:30 p.m.

Pittsburg State baseball at Arkansas-Fort Smith, 1 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Friday, Feb. 20

Pittsburg basketball at Fort Scott, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

Girard basketball at Baxter Springs, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

Jayhawk-Linn basketball at Northeast, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

Southern Coffey County basketball at Southeast, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

#### Saturday, Feb. 21

Pittsburg boys basketball at Shawnee Heights, 1 p.m.

Pittsburg boys wrestling at Class 5A regional, at Lansing, 9 a.m.

Girard and Frontenac boys wrestling at Class 4A regional, at Paola, 10 a.m.

#### Monday, Feb. 23

Frontenac basketball at Columbus, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

#### Tuesday, Feb. 24

Labette County basketball at Pittsburg, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

St. Mary's Colgan basketball at Girard, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30

#### Thursday, Feb. 26

St. Mary's Colgan, Southeast and Northeast girls basketball in Class 2A sub-state tournament

Frontenac and Girard boys basketball in Class 3A sub-state tournament

#### Friday, Feb. 27

St. Mary's Colgan, Southeast and Northeast boys basketball in Class 2A sub-state tournament

Frontenac and Girard girls basketball in Class 3A sub-state tournament

Pittsburg girls and boys wrestling at Class 5A state tournament, Park City

Frontenac and Girard girls and boys wrestling at Class 4A state tournament, Salina

*Note: Games listed based on schedules provided by the schools.*

## WRESTLING

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Tad Forsyth (No. 1) and Bonner Springs senior Kayne Smith (No. 5). Forsyth and Partee have a history wrestling each other in previous seasons in both state and regional competition; Forsyth defeated Partee for a 5A state title their junior seasons.

Spencer and fellow freshman Peyton Kirkpatrick from Basehor-Linwood (No. 6) are the lone ranked wrestlers at 106 hailing from the East. The top eight placers

from each 5A regional will head on to the state tournament Feb. 27 and 28 at the Heartland Credit Union Arena in Park City.

#### CLASS 4A AT PAOLA

The 63 4A schools with boys wrestling have been split into four regional tournaments with Southeast Kansas area schools like Frontenac and Girard headed to Paola on Saturday.

Frontenac and Girard are competing among 14 other schools, including Chanute, Coffeyville, Columbus, Fort Scott,

Independence, Labette County and Parsons.

The Raiders have a trio of ranked wrestlers in sophomore Chance Wilderman (No. 5 at 126), junior Kruz Pickle (No. 5 at 138) and senior Cash Wilderman (No. 5 at 144).

Girard junior Storm Rieck, a two-time state medalist, represents the Trojans in the rankings with the No. 3 at 132.

Ranked teams are the host school Paola (No. 4) and Columbus (No. 9).

Chance Wilderman and Pickle are the only ranked wrestlers at 126 and 138 to be competing

in Paola. Paola seniors Bryson Rockers and Brock Johnson own the top spots at 132 and 144, respectively.

The top four placers from each 4A regional go on to compete at the state tournament Feb. 27 and 28 at the Tony's Pizza Events Center in Salina.

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# Crest sweeps Northeast

By Jim Henry

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Crest pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 61-49 victory over Northeast on Tuesday night in high school boys basketball action in Colony, Kan.

Crest led 42-39 after three quarters and outscored the Vikings 19-10 during the final eight minutes.

Conner Hill hit four 3-point goals and scored 14 points to lead Northeast. Tayven Willard and Jaxson Payne each contributed 11 points.

#### CREST GIRLS 38, NORTHEAST 21

Crest outscored the Vikings 13-4 in the second quarter to open a 20-9 halftime lead.

scored seven points to lead Northeast.

The Vikings close the regular season Friday night at home against Jayhawk-Linn.

**NORTHEAST GIRLS (21)** – Allie Wade 2, Sophie Meek 2, Delaney Lusker 4, Jaycee Maples 1, Addison Coates 2, Brooklyn Jackson 7, Hailey Smardo 3.

**CREST (38)** – Jaycee Schmidt 7, Joise Walter 6, Aylee Beckmon 7, Kaelin Nilges 6, Gracyn Ellington 6, Kinley Edgerton 2, Summer Valentine 4.

**Northeast** 5 4 4 8 – 21

**Crest** 7 13 9 9 – 38  
3-point goals: Jackson, Schmidt, Beckmon, Ellington 2.

**NORTHEAST BOYS (49)** – Wyatt Stansbury 0, Tayven Willard 11, Jaxson Payne 11, Dalton Sherman 0, Conner Hill 14, Tegan Mitchell 4, Camryn Stansbury 3, Bruce DeBusk 6.

**CREST (61)** – Henry White 1, Kole Walter 24, Xander Fuller 8, Levi Piasko 10, Lane Yocham 18.

**Northeast** 11 11 17 10 – 49

**Crest** 10 16 16 19 – 61  
3-point goals: Hill 4, C.Stansbury, Walter, Fuller, Yocham.

## Edwards' family saw Olympic gold medal win thanks to donations

By Stefanie Dazio,

Annie Risemberg

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — As soon as U.S. hockey defender Laila Edwards skated onto the Olympic ice ahead of Thursday's gold medal win against Canada, she scanned the stands for the real MVP: Her 91-year-old grandmother.

Their shared ritual was on display before Team USA's 2-1 triumph Thursday — only made possible through an outpouring of donations to a GoFundMe drive, with by far the biggest individual contribution coming from NFL brother tandem and hometown allies Travis and Jason Kelce.

"As she comes in, she's looking around," her grandmother, Ernestine Gray, told The Associated Press earlier this week. "Then I say, 'I won't do anything to distract her.' Then she did see me and I wave to her and then she waved back."



**United States' Laila Edwards celebrates Hilary Knight's equalizer Thursday in the gold medal game between the United States and Canada in the 2026 Winter Olympics.** AP PHOTO/PETR DAVID JOSEK

Edwards, the first Black female hockey player to represent the U.S. at the Olympics, fielded a team of her own in Milan. The fundraiser enabled 10 family members and four friends to travel from the U.S. to Italy for her Olympic debut. Still others paid their own way.

After the semifinals game earlier this week, Edwards told the AP that her family's pres-

ence in Milan "means everything to me."

"They helped me get here and make this team and achieve my dream, so it means a lot," she said.

Edwards had an assist for the first of the two goals that would win the game.

#### 'QUEEN OF CLEVELAND'

The Kelce brothers grew up in the same

town as Edwards. They have been fans of hers since 2023, when she became the first Black player to make the U.S. senior women's national team, and shouted her out on their popular podcast, "New Heights."

The top donation to the GoFundMe was \$10,000, from someone remaining anonymous; Edwards has confirmed that it came from the Kelces. By Thursday, the Edwards family had raised more than \$61,000.

What's more, Travis Kelce reached out to provide advice to the "Queen of Cleveland," a nickname her teammates gave her following a U.S.-Canada game played there in November. And Jason Kelce and his wife, Kylie, were in the stands Monday to cheer on the U.S. team during their 5-0 win over Sweden. Edwards, a forward-turned-defender, had an assist then, too.

## HOCKEY

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with 31 saves.

This was the seventh of 12 Olympic meetings between the rivals to be decided by one goal and the third to go past regulation. Canada overcame a late 2-1 deficit to beat the U.S. 3-2 on Marie-Philip Poulin's

overtime goal at the 2014 Sochi Games. The U.S. won 3-2 in 2018 when Jocelyne Lamoureux scored in a shootout.

Although the final couldn't have been closer, the Americans were dominant in Milan, going 7-0 and outscoring their opponents by a combined 33-2.

## GORILLAS

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"There's not much to complain about right now," Buckingham said. "We've been good in all three phases."

The MIAA schedule consists of 36 games. The Gorillas will play 10 three-game weekend series and three midweek games against both Missouri Southern and Newman. The first

of those is Tuesday afternoon at home against Newman.

The Gorillas are the only undefeated team in the conference. Emporia State is 9-1, Central Missouri 8-2 and Rogers State 7-2.

"We know the MIAA is really tough and it's going to be a grind," Buckingham said. "Our team is really connected and in a good place. We're going to go out there and have fun."

## LEGALS

(First published in The Morning Sun on February 13th, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY RAY MALLE, DECEASED  
Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000013

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by Kevin B. Malle, the son and one of the heirs at law of Larry Ray Malle, deceased, requesting:

That descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Crawford County, Kansas:

Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Forty-five (45) in the Town of Cherokee, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof,

commonly known as 311 East Cedar, Cherokee, Kansas 66724 and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Crawford County Judicial Center, 602 North Locust Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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