

# **SUNFLOWER BROADCASTING, INC.**

## **KBSH TV-7, Hays & KBSL TV-10, Goodland 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008**

### **Quarterly Significant Programs Report**

**October 1, through December 31, 2008**

#### **Issues Report**

Stations, KBSH-TV – Hays and KBSL-TV – Goodland are CBS Network Affiliates in their service areas. In carrying out their responsibilities as public trustees, the stations deal with and are responsive to the principal issues arising in their communities on a continuing basis. Our most significant programming, which has dealt with current community activities and issues during the proceeding three-month period, is set forth below.

#### **Regularly Scheduled Local Programming**

**Sports Two Minute Drill – Monday through Friday – 10:25p**

Locally produced sports-oriented program focusing on area high school sports.

2:00 duration.

**DESCRIPTION of LOCAL PROGRAMS PROVIDING  
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>KBSH/KBSL Eyewitness News</b> Coverage of breaking news stories affecting communities in Northwest Kansas. Each local News segment lasts 2:25.	Weekdays	6PM & 10PM
<b>KBSH/KBSL Community Calendar</b> Locally sponsored announcements of Community Events held throughout Northwest Kansas for the duration of 1:00.	Weekdays	12:16PM
<b>Public Service Announcements</b> KBSH & KBSL broadcast local and national public service announcements of varying lengths throughout their broadcast schedules.	All Days	Any Times
<b>Ag Watch</b> Local program hosted by John Jenkinson focusing on information related to agriculture for the area. This segment airs for the duration of 2:30.	Tuesdays	6:24am

# *Community Issues*

- 1. Community** – Area residents need to be informed about events, benefits and resources available to them within their communities that may affect their lives.
- 2. Crime** – With the area and populations within communities growing, crime and the ways communities deal with the crime change.
- 3. Agriculture & Economy** – In our area agriculture has direct effects on the economy. When agriculture is doing well the rest of the economy holds its own and grows.
- 4. Education** – Education is an integral part of every community. It must be fostered and promoted whenever possible.
- 5. Health & Safety** – Many measures are needed to create safer and healthier places in which the general population can live.
- 6. Government** – The governmental process affects all people within its population.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**10/01/08**

**10p**

If you build it... They will come... That famous line said in the film A Field of Dreams... But it rings true in real life, here in Hays... A new sports complex is in the works to bring more people to Hays... The time is now... To build a brand new sports complex in Hays... It's something that I think people from all over western Kansas can definitely be proud of and be a part of. Be a part of something that some people say has been needed in this area for quite some time... The proposed complex will include... 6 soccer fields... and 8 softball and baseball fields... at an estimated cost of just over 8 million dollars... The complex will be built on this old alfalfa field, west of the 183 bypass and south of old highway 40... And the committee overseeing the facility say it will be one of a kind in this region... I know Pratt has some fields, and Dodge City does too, but I don't know if there is a comprehensive complex like we are looking at. But this is not the first time a sports complex has been brought up in Hays... 4 years ago, a similar measure proposal was brought forth to build a complex out by the regional airport... We felt like it was a little far out there, especially for people in Hays to drive out there, and I know most are built outside of the city but the location wasn't ideal for the complex. After the chamber of commerce gathered enough signatures in support of the facility, it's back on the ballot, and awaiting voter approval come November...

For the proposal to pass, voters will have to approve a ½ cent tax increase that will sunset in 4 years...

The committee's aim for the complex is to bring travelling teams and regional tournaments to Hays... in hopes that they will put their money into the local economy... I think we will be a great resource to people to come to Hays for a soccer tournament or baseball tournament versus having to travel all the way to Kansas City or Wichita.. With the proposal on the ballot and the right piece of land, the committee members agree this is the perfect time to do this... There will be a town hall meeting next Tuesday at 7pm at Gross Memorial Coliseum on the Fort Hays State campus for anyone to come and ask the committee members questions regarding the proposed facility...

**10/02/08**

**10p**

Big things happening over at Hays High today... Two of the best volleyball teams in the state came out west for a serious tournament on the high plains... As the Hays Lady Indians get ready for the WAC championship, they needed to get out alive at their own tournament during homecoming... First in the quad was a match up with Dodge City and Salina South... Near the end of game one... Dodge is down 3 points, but not anymore... The Red Demons rallied from three points down to win game one... What would game two have in store for us??? Tied at 11 midway thru the game, Dodge breaks the tie with this point to push them ahead. Dodge would pour it on and beat the Cougars 18-25. Over to the host court... Hays beat Dodge earlier in the day, now taking on those same Cougars of Salina South... But before that, it was senior day... The Lady Indians are sending off 5 girls with their last home match... Would it be a sweet send

off? Um no. Hays fell in strait games to South, but the girls still have a lot to look forward to. Jumping from inside to outside... Over at TMP... The Monarchs were back on the field after a serious thumping from Dodge City this week... Hopefully things would be better against Nickerson Thursday... And things got interesting early in the game... Nickerson keeper Troy Smith goes up for the ball but grabs on to Jason Meyers... Seemed like no big deal but the ref thought different... Penalty kick for the Monarchs... Meyers slams it in the net, 1-nothing TMP. Tivo ahead to the 12th minute, Monarchs on the charge, when Darren Wellbrock finds the back corner, 2-nothing Monarchs... Things don't look good for Nickerson... And they weren't, near the end of the first half... Teddy Kang cuts it thru the defense and scores... 3 zip before halftime, and the Monarchs would roll winning by the final of 7 nil... And that's it for now, stay tuned Friday night for the game of the week, as we drive up to Smith Center for their game against Ellis... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**10/07/08**

**10p**

With the November election just under a month away, the presidential candidates are campaigning to get your vote come Election Day... And so is the Hays sports complex committee. The committee members are hoping they get enough votes for the proposed 8 million dollar sports complex to pass on the November ballot... But first they want to make sure the people of Hays know all the facts. A town hall meeting was held Tuesday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University. The point of the meeting was to inform the public of the advantages of building the complex. Visitors to the complex would spend an average of ninety three dollars a person per visit, according to an FHSU study. If the complex is voted in, it would require a half cent sales tax increase that would expire in 2012. The committee said the same tax increase helped build the Hays Aquatic Park and the public library, which expired within the time limit set.

And over at Hays High school... The Indians were in action against the Dodge City Red Demons... And the Red Demons feeling a little blue today I guess... Dodge up 1 nil at half... But ten minutes into the second half... Hays would tie it up when Thayne Griffin scores off a deflection. Excitement is interrupted by the referee... One says offside, the other doesn't... Judges??? A goal! 1-1 in Hays... After a little back and forth... Hays breaks free of the tie... Jordan Burgess sneaks it past the Dodge keeper to take the lead and the game... Indians beat the Demons 2-1... Coach Miklis is almost speechless after the win.

And that's gonna do it for me. Keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays. I'm Grant Meech.

**10/08/08**

**10p**

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sports complex to pass on the November ballot...There was a town hall meeting Tuesday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University. The point of the meeting was to inform the public of the advantages of building the complex. Visitors to the complex would spend an average of ninety three dollars a person per visit, according to an FHSU study. If the complex is voted in, it would require a half cent sales tax increase that would expire in 2012. The committee said the same tax increase helped build the Hays aquatic park and the public library, which expired within the time limit set.

And Fort Hays is back at Lewis Field this Saturday... And a new number will be under center for the Tigers... Sophomore Anthony Smith will be the starting quarterback Saturday against Missouri Southern... After Mike Garrison broke his jaw half way thru the Thruman game two weeks ago. Fortunately the offense won't look too different with Smith under center... The athletic sophomore is similar to Garrison in size and stature. Both are athletic in and most importantly outside the pocket. It's no secret the Tigers are a running team... So look for running back Anthony Dickson to take some direct snaps this weekend against the Lions.

That's it for me... Keep sending in your sport stories and scores... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**10/09/08**

**10p**

For many... Thursday is just another day of the week... One more day before Friday and the weekend hits... But for high school football players... Thursday is the last day to get everything right before game day. Our game of the week here in Northwest Kansas is a rivalry game down south... When undefeated Lacrosse takes on 3A Ness City... The Leopards are one of the best teams in 2A with one of the best players in the state, in Marshall Musil. Lacrosse is home for the first time in three weeks, after an extended road trip, which took them all over - up to Nebraska even. What looks like a route on paper may not be when emotion is involved.

And in 8-man football news... Victoria is still cruising along in 2008... The undefeated Knights will take on the Palco Roosters in Palco... Victoria got over one hurdle by beating Quivera Heights a couple weeks ago... To get back to the title game, the Knights need to stay focused.

Have a look around the region... Ellis takes on Norton in Ellis... Smith Center tries to continue their 59 game winning streak versus Colby in Colby... Hays looks to go 5-1 for the first time in a long time against Dodge City... And Great Bend makes the big trip down to Liberal for a WAC battle with the Redskins.

Hays High Indians fell in a hard loss to WAC foe Liberal today... The Redskins took the tribal clash 2-1 in double overtime on a penalty kick... Hays falls to 2-5 in conference...

And finally tonight... Some lucky 2nd graders in Hays are in a Penpal Program with the K-State football team this year... And today they got a special treat, when former Wildcat and Hays High football coach Monte Spiller visited them to help the students get pumped up about their letters to the cats....

**10/10/08**

**10p**

Remember when I said there wasn't a whole lot to say about the loss to Truman... I said from the first play of the game to the last... Not a whole lot of positive results... And stuff like that... Well at least in that game... The scoreboard didn't end in a zero...

Missouri Southern didn't come in and pound the Tigers... Fort Hays beat themselves by making too many mistakes...

Lions up 7-0 off a fumble recovery... Well here's another mistake... On a Lions punt - CJ Lovett goes to field it... Gets it hit - puts it on the ground, and the lions recover again... A few plays later.. Hinspeter on the option... Pitches it to Daniel Thompson on the reverse... Who cuts it up and finds the corner - 14 nothing lions at half... 2nd half was no better for the Tigers... They couldn't move the ball at all Saturday - less than 200 yards of total offense - not good. Tigers punting - bad snap... Tyler Elder can't field it - Lions take over and capitalize - backup quarterback Collin Howard fakes the handoff- keeps it himself and races 30 yards for the touchdown... 21-0 Lions... Southern added one more and shutout the Tigers 28-0...

And some very bad news... Verdugo said today at his press conference... Junior kicker Nathan Rausa is out for the season with a broken leg, he suffered on the opening kickoff... Freshman Ethan Koz-ier will take over kicking duties..

And Saturday night the Lady Tigers volleyball team was in a catfight with the Southwest Baptist Bearcats... Down 2 games to none at the break... Fort Hays battles back... Beating the Bearcats 25-17 in game 3... We go to game 4... Lilian Rezende led the charge for the Lady Tigers with 15 kills in the match... Fort Hays battled back and won game 4 25-22... Game 5 now... The Bearcats jumped to an early lead and didn't look back - they take the game 15-10, and the match 3-2.

Let's hope they get something back against Washburn this Wednesday... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**10/14/08**

**10p**

Do you remember writing your first penpal? And how much fun it was to write someone in another state or country? Yeah! But for some lucky 2nd graders in Hays... their penpals are Kansas state football players. K-State players are like celebrities to them... The program started with Sherry Chaffin's class at the beginning of the football season, with the help of her daughter who works in the academic office in Manhattan. But when 50 players signed up - they needed some help... Sherry Chaffin visited with me one day about becoming a penpal with the K-State football players... The two

classes combine to make 32 students... so some are pulling double duty... Josh Freeman and Jack Reed... The students get to work on their writing skills and also interact with the players in a way most wish they could... When they write back it's really fun to hear what they say and wonder what they're gonna say. The students are young and have many questions about football... so former Wildcat and Hays High football coach Monte Spiller... answered some questions about the game... I enjoy dealing with kids and whenever I can help the community and spread the word about K-State... and education in general I'm definitely up for that... Good thing... because these kids had some tough questions for the former defensive back... So armed with new knowledge... the kids got back to writing the players... and Brittani's favorite activity. I like when we get to do coloring projects... Even if the designs sway a little from the normal... Mrs. Caspers - I told them they were graphic designers and they need to design the new helmet and coach prince might let them wear them... Maybe... maybe not

In Hays... Grant Meech - KWCH 12 Eyewitness Sports...

**10/15/08**

**10p**

Attention Fort Hays State volleyball fans... The police have sent out an APB for you... You were pronounced missing last weekend at the Missouri Southern game... And they were out tonight looking for you at the volleyball game versus Washburn... When you were not seen or found, they left and will try later... They will be at the game this weekend versus Emporia State... If they don't see you... The search is over... Look at the stands... I can't see them... Not a lot but a few... They missed a good one... Game one was a back and forth battle... Each team striking blows on each other... The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early lead... We move to the middle of the game where... Washburn up 19-18... Leanna Roberts would pull the Tigers even with this kill... Move ahead match point now... Washburn slams it home and takes game 1 -25-22... Game 2 was a complete change from game one... Washburn controlled the majority of the game... Although the Tigers would pull close... Washburn took game two 25-19.... And take the match 3 games to none...

Moving to football... The Tigers hit the road this weekend for Maryville Missouri for their game against #5 Northwest Missouri State... This will probably be the toughest test for the Tigers all year... Coach Verdugo saw improvement last week despite the end result and they will be prepared for the Bearcats.

Great Bend taking on Dodge City in WAC play... If you were curious yes - it was as cold as it looks... Must have reflected that in the blue Dodge uniforms... Both teams moving slow in the rain... Dodge controlled the chances during the first half... Several chances... Bouncing off the crossbar... Bouncing off the post... Just wide of the goal... But nothing going... The first half ended tied at nil-nil and both teams came alive in the second half... Dodge getting on top - final score 3-1 Red Demons.

That's it for me... Keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays.... I'm Grant Meech.

**10/16/08**

**10p**

Friday night looming ahead... Lots of good games this weekend... Districts are shaping up... These are important games but, fortunately, if you lose one, the season isn't over, like the playoffs... Some of the district games are pushovers but one game Friday night is no pushover... It brings elements that go beyond the usual district game... It's the Hays-Great Bend rivalry... The Panthers and the Indians is a great rivalry, but like I said... It's more than a district game... It's a triple whammy... District, rivalry, and conference matchup... The outcome could turn the tide for either team. The young Great Bend squad will prove a tough test for the Indians, despite their age... The Panthers are coming off a good win against Liberal on the road... And Hays won't be deflated at all after losing in triple overtime to Dodge City in Hays last weekend.

The Panthers linemen will need to silence the tough Hays defense, one of the best in the state, led by lineback Tommy Ro-leader. The Indians will need to keep Panthers quarterback Derek Ellis and running back Matt Dobratz in check. Hays is also looking to exact some revenge from last year's loss to the Panthers... Both teams are ready to hit the field for this rivalry game.

Take a look around the region for Friday night... Lacrosse travels down to Wichita for a cross state matchup with Sedan... Ellis travels up to Plainville... Victoria takes on Logan at home... And Quinter takes on Triplains... And TMP tackles Phillipsburg...

That's it for now... Keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays. I'm Grant Meech.

**10/17/08**

**10p**

You think they wanna win this one?? I'd say so... They meet at Midfield, AL the old Florida State games of the 90s... Penalties on the ground they offset let's get to the action... After a big run... Junior Matt Dobratz cuts it up and scores... 7-0 Panthers but the Hays would answer... Marching from their own 20... The Indians bring it to the Panther ten... QB Kelton Rule, keeps it himself... Cuts it and scores 7 all in Great Bend... Now near the end of the first quarter, after another big run... Dobratz takes it again... Finds a seam and touchdown... 14-7 Panthers at the end of 1. 2nd quarter now... QB Derek Ellis drops back and hits Allan Holt for a 40 yard reception. A few plays later... The run the QB sneak and sneak it past us... Reverse to little Jordan Baysee who scores in the corner 21-7 nearing halftime... Hays couldn't get anything going on offense as they failed to score again all game... Great Bend would make it 8 years in a row... Final score 36 to 7 in Great Bend... Grant Meech, KWCH 12 eyewitness sports.

**10/20/08**

**10p**

TMP Monarchs took on the Garden City buffalos today in a non-conference match that on paper seemed like no big deal... But near the end of the game with yellow cards flying and buffalo players seeing some pine time... Monarchs-Buffalos might be one to

put on the rivalry list for next season... Garden up 1-nothing at half... The second half wouldn't see much of a different game... Buffaloes charging the goal... Ricardo Yeverino beats the defender and buries it in the back corner... That would make it 2-0... TMP had several chances but couldn't get it past the defense... Back on offense... Edgar Reyes beats his defender and barely scores but it's a goal 3-0... TMP would eventually get on the board but it was too little too late... Final score 4-1 Buffalos.

Over the weekend... We had some championship performances down in Great Bend... The WAC cross country championship yielded some good results for some area runners... One... Topping them all... Hays High junior Josh Munsch won the boys race but failed to help the team get better than fourth place... Liberal took first and Great Bend was second...

On the girls side... Great Bend continued their dominance of the course... Panther sophomore Rubi Torres won the individual title and helped win the girls team championship, with Hays coming in second and Dodge City in third...

Saturday... The WAC championships headed indoors with the volleyball championships hosted down at Dodge City... Things didn't turn out so well for the Hays Lady Indians... They went winless over the weekend... Winning only one game in all 4 of their matches.... They hit the road Tuesday for the Salina South quad...

And finally tonight congratulations to the Goodland Cowgirls as they won the 3-2-1a golf title... Good work

That's it for now... Keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech

**10/21/08**

**10p**

If Fort Hays State athletic director Curtis Hammakey doesn't have a large supply of aspirin and stomach medicine at home... He might want to run out and get some... Because the Tigers are hard to watch... The 2 biggest spectator sports on campus have yielded some ugly results lately... And if the grey skies over head in western Kansas are any indication... Things aren't warming up anytime soon... Both football and volleyball were handed serious losses over the weekend... The volleyball team was shut down in three games by Emporia State... And the Tigers lost to number 5 northwest Missouri State 56-7 on the road... Coach Kevin Verdugo addressed the loss Monday during his weekly press conference...

The Bearcats were probably the best opponent they will face all year, but up this week, is #13 Pittsburg State... The Tigers, now 2-6, lost to the Gorillas 35-0 last year on the road... Unfortunately, things could be the same this year, even though they are at home..

The Lady Tigers have eleven games left in the season, 5 at home, and none of their opponents left are pushovers... The MIAA is the toughest volleyball conference in

division 2... But with all coach Smith's players getting healthy... The Tigers could find some fire in their belly. They head on the road Wednesday for a matchup with Missouri Western...

And that is gonna do it for me... Remember to keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station.. In Hays... I'm Grant Meech

**10/22/08**

**10p**

With high school football playoffs only a mere 2 weeks away... The district playoff picture is taking shape and we figured, hey, why not help you folks out at home what's happening in the region... Right off the bat I can easily tell you that the teams that are winning are doing well, and the ones that are struggling are having a tough time this season... But as we all know... District play is a whole other ball game...

Let's start with Victoria... The Knights are keeping their winning ways going in 2008... They beat Palco last week in their district... Up next for them is rival Otis-Bison... Coach Doug Oberlay says their biggest threat from Otis is under center... The Knights will need to contain the Cougars quarterback... But it won't be easy... Victoria will be without starter Brett Ottley... He broke his leg two weeks ago against Pawnee Heights.

Ellis will be taking on Trego come Friday night... The Railroaders are having an excellent year under second year head coach Butch Hayes... They are 6-1, with that only loss coming from Smith Center... If the Rainers get thru Trego, they will face Osborne in the final district game and if all goes well, they won't be seeing Smith Center again.

Smith Center got thru Washington County easily last week and now they face Osborne this week. If the Redmen beat Osborne, they will likely face Lacrosse in the first round of regionals. The Leopards are on the highest scoring teams in the state, outscoring their opponents, 300 - 80, more than the Redmen... And this week, they take on Kinsley in what should be a one sided affair...

And that is it for me... Remember to keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**10/23/08**

**10p**

Yesterday we brought you the district playoff picture for some teams in the area... But now we focus on the big boys in the region – 5A teams Hays and Great Bend in arguably on of the toughest districts in 5A. The Panthers will travel to McPherson Friday night and Hays will have a herculean task in front of them when powerhouse Hutchinson comes to Hays... And that's where we start. The 4 and 3 Indians will host 5 and 2 Hutch at Lewis Field stadium Friday night... Hays has played well at home this year, only falling twice to Liberal and narrowly falling to Dodge in a triple overtime thriller... But the Indians will have their hands full against Hutchison... The class of 5a

in the state... Knocking off McPherson last week 68-7... The Indian defense will need to play strong this game, if they want to contain the Salthawks high powered offense...

And moving on to Great Bend, who will make the hour long trip over to McPherson Friday night... The rain and cold Thursday move the Panthers indoors to prepare for the Bulldogs... Great Bend is coming off an impressive win against rival Hays last week to open district 6, but now they face McPherson, who were undefeated until that unbelievable loss to Hutch last week. Coach Bo Black said that loss was uncharacteristic...

That's it for me, stick with us tomorrow night for the game of the week as Hutch comes to town to battle with the Indians... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech

**10/27/08**

**10p**

When you looked in the eyes of the Fort Hays State football players before their game with Pittsburg state on Saturday... You could see something that you haven't seen a while... Fire, spirit, determination... But oh the eyes only told half the story... The instate rivalry between these two teams looked like it might inspire the Tigers to overcome the odds stacked against them... Gorillas had other ideas.. Up 3 nothing in the first... Brandon Clark runs to his right and busts thru the defense to score 10-0 Pitt State... Later in the first... Mark Smith hits Harrison Kush for a 30 yard touchdown... 17-0 gorillas... Tigers running game making moves... Anthony Dickinson busts this one thru the defense but FHSU couldn't convert so back come Pitt State... In the second... Caleb Farabee from the one... Touchdown... 24-0 gorillas, 27-0 at half... Tigers score early in the fourth quarter but Gorillas go wild... 34-7 is your final...

And also Saturday night, the Lady Tigers were in action... Taking on tenth ranked Truman in a conference matchup... Down 2 games at the break... Tigers come out roaring in the third game... Up 24 -22 game point now... Lady Tigers dig the ball and senior Whitney Hoffman serves it up to Alissa Tauni-gus - deflection off Truman and game Tigers!... We move to the fourth set where it was decidedly Truman in this game... Leading the whole way thru, game and match point now.... Tigers return the serve but the ref says she touched the net - point Bulldogs and that is how it would end. Truman wins in 4 games...

And that is it for me... In Hays I'm Grant Meech.

**10/28/08**

**10p**

Field trips were always the best part of elementary school... Yeah! But if your field trip is visiting the K-State football team... then this might be the best day of your life... yeah! These lucky second graders from Hays are finally going to meet their pen pals in Manhattan... For the kids to actually meet each other, it's just a dream come true today. The students get off the bus and head inside the Vanier Sports Complex... They drop their gear and line up for a tour... Head down stairs to the weight room... And get taped

up in the training room before heading into the locker room... it's stinky in there! Smells aside, this is the where the kids will meet their pen pals... Standup - in the three years since Sherry Chaffin started this program, this is the first time the pen pals have ever met face to face. he was fun! After the players showed the kids their lockers and after an impromptu spin of the hoola-hoop... the students got to run onto the field just like their pen pals... I liked being on the field And so did the players... we get a chance to come out here and just play backyard football like we did growing up, and it really makes it special. Honestly I enjoy the pen pal program. It's one of my highlights of the month, getting a letter from Brittany. Back inside from the chilly weather... the pen pals are back on a level playing field... coloring and reading with each other... The players autographed their shirts and gave out a few interesting gifts... proving that these big tough guys are just a bunch of softies... it's so nice to see that soft side of them. They've been terrific with the kids and we couldn't have asked for more. Soon the players say goodbye and head off to practice, and the kids pack up and head back on the bus back to Hays... both dreaming of when they will meet again.

In Manhattan, Grant Meech, KWCH 12 eyewitness sports.

**10/29/08**

**10p**

The Sunflower Showdown is happening this weekend in Lawrence, but down in Lacrosse... There is another showdown set for Thursday night that will set up the playoff picture for the 2A classification. The second ranked Lacrosse Leopards will tackle the fifth ranked Meade Buffalos in the district 13 championship Thursday... Both teams are undefeated and putting up serious points this season... Meade is scoring an average of 51 points a game, while Lacrosse is scoring an average of 52 points a game... Lacrosse will need to out match Meade's size and strength with their abundance of quickness and speed... More on that later... Meade will want to erase any memory of last years loss but playing Lacrosse at home is a real challenge... Kickoff is set for 7 o'clock. Ok... We know that speeding is dangerous, so most of us try not to do it a lot... But on the football field... Being fast is a real advantage... Just ask the Leopards... If speed kills... Yes, sure does... Then the Lacrosse Leopards are one deadly football team...

The 2A powerhouse is beating opponents by wide margins and often, absolutely running away with games... we're getting faster, quicker everyday... Thanks to a workout plan coach Cornelsen brought to the school. We started my first year here, doing the speed drills and the different things we do in our weights program. lots of left to right stuff... the majority of movement is lateral, and you know, we feel like whether you're an offensive lineman or tailback, the lateral movement is probably the key to success.

The Leopards have a full arsenal of weapons at their disposal... under center, in the backfield... and on the wings... and one of the fastest guys on the team is getting even faster... I feel like I make my cuts a lot faster than I used to be able to... Torrez racked up 4 touchdowns against Ness-Dighton... on the way to a route of the titans... but speed on the line???? I can tell our biggest lineman Lucas Ruff is getting a lot faster...

Whatever the position... speed is the name of the Leopards game... we feel like its benefitted our football program

**11/03/08**

**10p**

Volleyball teams from across the state descended upon Hays Saturday... To battle it out to see who would wear the crown for the best 2A and 1A teams in Kansas.... Gross Memorial Coliseum playing host over the weekend... We start with the 2A game... Moundridge took care of business with Sublette... Beating Sublette in 2 games, advancing to the title match, where they would meet St. Marys... The Bears knocked off Valley Heights in 3 games to advance... St. Marys dominated Moundridge in the title game... 25-14 in game 1, 25-15 in game 2 to win the 2A state title for the second year in a row...

To the 1A game now... Centralia met St. Johns-Hudson after beating Hutchinson Central Christian and Pratt Skyline in the semis... The title game was a bruiser... St. John slammed Centralia in 25-19, and 25-15 in 2 games to take the 1A Kansas title...

It's time for playoffs... Let's break down the brackets for your teams out here... Let's start with 3A... Beloit will travel to Hoisington... Lakin will head out to Norton, and Lyons will go north to Phillipsburg... Moving to 2A-1A now... Trego has a big task with Smith Center... Stanton County huds down to Lacrosse... Oberlin tackles St. Francis... Washington County plays Ellis... And Atwood heads down to Oakley... And finally in 8 man... Division 1... Pike valley travels to Quinter for a battle with the 8-man rookies... And thunder ridge plays Clifton... And in division 2... Golden Plains has a big task with top ranked Victoria and Pawnee Heights heads out to Sharon springs... All games start at 7 pm...

Stay tuned for our game of the week in Ellis... As the Railers take on Washington County...

**11/04/08**

**10p**

The election is over after tonight... But high school playoffs are just starting up... The nice thing about the playoffs is there's no debating... No secret ballots... And no October surprises... You win or go home... That's it... Here in Ellis tonight... Taking on Washington County... The Railers are hoping to send the Tigers on a long, sad trip back home...

Ellis the frontrunner in this one, but that's why you play the game. Weather playing a factor... Windy tonight, even if it doesn't look like it. First quarter action, Ellis moving along... Toss to junior Dyan Pfeiffer... Rumbling down and cuts it back, brings it to the 50 yard line... A few plays later, the handoff to Pfeiffer and he makes short work... 7-0, Ellis at the end of the first quarter. Second quarter action now... Washington County on the move... On the 1 yard line, the hand off and fumble... Pfeifer picks it up and runs almost the whole length of the field, 99 yard fumble recovery return 14-0 Ellis... On

offense now, Chase King gives it to Gideon Fuchs... Who battles his way in for the touchdown 21-0 Ellis... Tigers weren't moving the ball at all... Pfeifer all over this Wash. County pass... Returns it down to the 20 yard line... Where Dillon Kinderknecht takes it in untouched... 27-0 Ellis after a missed extra point... Ellis kept it rolling... King w a Timmy Tebow pass to freshman Jared Herl... 35-0 at half and Ellis wins, 42-28.

As expected, the railroaders rail Washington County to advance to the second round of the 2A-1A bracket... For the Tigers, this year just wasn't their year, as the head back home... And I'm going to head home too. In Ellis tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

**11/05/08**

**10p**

America made history last night... And so did Ellis County... Not so monumental, but history nonetheless with the passing of the sports complex ballot... The final vote tally was 4604 yeas to 3698 neas... The approval was for a half cent sales tax to help construct the complex and maintain the facility for 10 years... The construction will happen in conjunction with Fort Hays State as their soccer stadium will be built in the complex... The sales tax will not help fund the soccer stadium, and will not help with maintenance costs... This measure was predicted to pass easily, but only limped over the line... Just over 900 votes decided the measure... Surprising to some, not to others.

Your senior season is supposed to happen like a movie... Everything works out... The guy gets the girl, the home team goes undefeated and they win the championship! At least that's how it's supposed to happen... Not so for the Fort Hays State volleyball team. On a nine game losing streak... They had their last home game of Wednesday night against number 18 Pittsburg State... Senior night for five on the team... A daunting task facing Pittsburg State... And it proved to be... Behind most of game one... The Gorillas slammed the Tigers to win game one 25-15... Move to game two now... Tigers tied up 8 all half way thru game two... They would lose that tie with a bunch of hitting errors... Game point now... Ball goes out of bounds on Fort Hays touch... Game Gorillas, 25-14, and they go on to win the match in 3 games...

And that is it for me... In Hays tonight. I'm Grant Meech

**11/06/08**

**10p**

The countdown has begun... Two more days to round 2 of football playoffs out here in northwest Kansas... Of this weekends games... Victoria's contest against Quivira Heights will be a clash of top ranked teams with a tinge of bitterness to it.

The Knights had two losses on their record last year... One in the regular season, and one in the state title game... Both to Quivira Heights... Top ranked Victoria will be looking to enact some revenge on the second ranked Thunderbirds come Saturday night... Kickoff is set for 6:30...

And over in Ellis Saturday night the Railroaders will be taking on Ell-Saline at 6 o'clock... Ellis steamrolled Washington County on Tuesday night to advance but not without a good scare... The Tigers racked up 28 points in the second half with most of Ellis jayvee in... Coach Butch Hayes is glad they got some game time but no it's time to get serious.

And finally tonight... Fort Hays State will play their last game of the season Saturday against Central Missouri... This has not been the best season for the Tigers, with a bunch of key injuries leading to their lack of success... Quarterback Mike Garrison was out with a broken jaw for 4 weeks, Jacob Irvin injured his foot three weeks ago, and junior kicker Nathan Rausa broke his leg... Despite all these setbacks, the Tigers have improved and showed a lot of life against Nebraska Omaha last week... And now they find themselves in the spoiler roll for the final game for their seniors...kick off is set for 2 o'clock...

**11/10/08**

**10p**

And then there were four... Smith Center, Lacrosse, Ellis and Victoria... Of the 13 teams that entered the playoffs... Only those four remain... And if they want to move to the next round... They better strap it up because it only gets harder from here...Ten and one Ellis will head south Friday to play nine and one Meade for the regional final... And the number one team in 8-man two... Victoria will head further south to Moscow for the division two semifinal on Saturday... Kickoff is set for 3 o'clock... And the one a lot of people have been waiting for... Friday night, number one and undefeated Smith Center will travel down to Lacrosse to take on the undefeated second ranked Leopards... Lacrosse has the number one offense in Kansas... Scoring almost 52 points a game... And came from behind to beat St. Francis over the weekend... 38 30... And the Redmen of Smith Center need no introduction... It's Smith Center... 4-time defending 2A state champs and have a 64 game winning streak... Fridays contest is facing up to be a dandy..

And on Saturday night at the Victoria - Quivira Heights game... Thunderbird QB Darren Simpson... Drops back and hits Jacob Ingham who meets Gus Pfannenstiel - bam!!!! Take a second look in slomo... Pfannenstiel got all of Ingham... Ouch.

Moving to the college game... Fort Hays' last game of the season against Central Missouri... Senior day for 20 Tigers... Gotta make it count... Tigers up 7-3 at half... Hand off to Anthony Dixon... Off tackle and off the chain... 80 yards to pay dirt... 14-3 Tigers... But the Mules wanted to party... Two plays later... Eric Zernee-uwski hits Sean Thornton for the 64 yard touchdown bomb, 14-10 Tigers... Mules get the ball back and Zernee-uwski takes it himself 8 yards 17 - 14 Mules... Slipping away... After the Tigers muff a punt, Mules put the nail in the coffin, Zernee-uwski again from 7-yards 24-14... Tigers score late on a Jacob Irvin run, but fall 24-21

And that is it for me... In Hays tonight... I'm Grant Meech

**11/11/08**

**10p**

As football has come to a close for Fort Hays... Some other warriors are revving up for their season... Except there is no padding or helmets for these men... Only muscle and hard work and a singlet are what wrestlers use to achieve success... And the Tigers are no exception...Fort Hays State wrestling is ready for the spot light... Ready for the bright lights that come with glory... There's a little bit of pressure...And leading them is first year head coach Chas Thompson... He inherits a strong team with lots of experience... It's definitely a benefit to step into the program where it's at right now... Thompson takes over for Cody Bickley... the winningest wrestling coach in FHSU history... There was a little bit of a transition period, but I think that's over and done with...And now it's down to business... the Tigers have a serious schedule... that includes rival Nebraska Kearney and number one ranked Nebraska Omaha... Coach Thompson knows our schedule isn't easy so we are going to do everything we can in the practice room to get ready for every match we have. And Thompson is going to help them get there... I am hands on. I do get in there, and actually hook it up with the guys sometimes... I get that fire every now and then. My shape's not what it used to be, but I still get that fire... And with all that help... the sky... or the floor is the limit... I think I can keep the program going in the direction it needs to go, and hopefully we'll be even more successful team as we move on. The Tigers are back in action this Sunday at the central Missouri open in Warrensburg Missouri...

And that will do it for me... In Hays tonight... I'm Grant Meech.

**11/12/08**

**10p**

No question the Ellis Railroaders are having their best season on record... And when you look at the roster... You won't find many seniors... Only about 7... But one of them is having a huge impact on the team and leaving some big shoes to fill...Chase King seems almost unbelievable... The senior starting quarterback for Ellis High School has led the Railers to a 10 and one record and the district and regional titles... things are going good this year." But that's not the unbelievable part... he's a 4.0 student, he supports all the other athletics in the school. He's a role model for our younger kids, and helps with the wrestling program..." he volunteers at the football camps, he's a lifeguard at the pool." Geez... where does he keep his homecoming crown... I didn't win it... Ok fine, so he doesn't have it all... you gotta wonder how the student body president has time for it all... but he's been doing this since he was a freshman... Chase has been the backbone of our program for 4 years." Playing quarterback effectively requires natural leadership skills... something the coaches say, makes King perfect for the position. He's just the type of kid you want in that quarterback role and he's gonna lead the team." And leading the team is something King does well... everybody looks up to Chase and he knows it - he takes that leadership role seriously... he's a coach out there on the field for us." set the tone for practices... get everybody doing what they need to be doing and I think that'll pass down next year." The coaches won't have King in 2009, but know his impact will stick around... these younger kids can see what he's doing and try to imitate what he's doing and that's just gonna carry on,

there'll be someone to fill Chase's shoes..." But how about a cape?? He doesn't want to wear the superman cape... he just wants to win a championship."

Ellis will travel to Meade this Friday night to advance to the 2A-1A state semi finals... In Hays tonight... I'm Grant Meech...

**11/13/08**

**10p**

It's funny to think but the Victoria High School football team might need passports for their game this Saturday... The number one ranked undefeated Knights are hopping on the bus and heading down to... Moscow for the western regional final against the Moscow Wildcats...The Knights will look to use their size on defense to over power the Moscow offense... And Victoria's speed on offense should match up well with Moscow's aggressive well coached defense... Despite the 3 and half hour drive, coach Oberle is excited for the trip to play Moscow who knocked off Pawnee Heights to advance... Victoria beat Pawnee Heights earlier this year, so the Knights know how tough a task they have this weekend...

And now for the game everyone has been waiting for... Second ranked undefeated Lacrosse will tackle top ranked and undefeated Smith Center on Friday night in Lacrosse... The Leopards have the number one offense in the state... Scoring almost 52 points a game... And it's easy to see why... They are chock full of athletes with a lot of speed... Including Oklahoma commit Marshall Musil and shifty wideout Corey Torrez... But they are Smith Center... They've won the last 4 state titles in a row and the Redmen knocked the Leopards for a loop in 2006... A 46-0 beating... But that was then, this is now... And coach Barta recognizes how good Lacrosse is and is going to need the best from his players against the Leopards...

And tune in tomorrow night for our game of the week... As we head down to Lacrosse for the much anticipated match up... And that will do it tonight... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**11/17/08**

**10p**

And then there were two... Of the thirteen teams that advanced to the playoffs in this region... Four made it to last weekend... And now only Victoria and Smith Center remain... But that shouldn't be a surprise for anyone... As these are two of the most successful teams in region, especially the Redmen... But they had their first real test in front of them with Lacrosse. Both teams had been ranked numbers one and two all year... The game was being billed as the real 2A state championship... But when Smith Center jumped out to a two touchdown lead, just minutes into the game... It appeared to be overhyped... Lacrosse would get things rolling when Jeremy Garcia found Correy Torrez to cut the lead in half... But that is almost all the life they would show... As the Redmen kept grinding on the Leopards and scored again before halftime, on their way

to a 32-14 win. Lacrosse coach Ryan Cornelsen gave credit to the Redmen and his own players for fighting hard.

Other game over the weekend... Ellis fell in a hard fought battle in Meade, as they lose to the Buffaloes 20-8... Meade advances to play Smith Center this Friday, in Meade. And with all that loss, comes victory... The Victoria Knights topped Moscow in a shootout... 56 - 46. The top ranked Knights advance to play once beaten Hanover this Saturday in Newton for the 8-man 2 title game

Fort Hays State update time... Tigers basketball beat Central Christian by 21 Saturday night... 86-65... There will be a double header Tuesday night against Sterling College at the Gross. And wrestling hung tough over the weekend at the Central Missouri open, with four wrestlers placing at the tournament.

And that will do it for me... In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

**11/18/08**

**10p**

If you want to talk about redemption, ask the Fort Hays Lady Tigers basketball team... The NCAA division 2 team lost to Avila College on Sunday... And NAIA school... Ouch... And what's worse, was FHSU was leading at halftime... But all of that was erased and FHSU was handed their first loss of the season... One they won't soon forget...

Trying to get back on track against Bethany College Tuesday night in a double header with the men's team... Up by 14 at halftime... The Lady Tigers definitely redeemed themselves in this one... Erica Beel led the team in scoring with 22... Nice bucket from her... And Naomi Bancroft... Was lights out from outside... Scoring 20 on the night... 3 of them right there... Good work from the paint from Morgan Clark... Turn around bucket, she had 8... Lady Tigers led by 25 at one point... Bethany put up a fight but Fort Hays just wanted this one too badly... Winning by the final... 88- 53...

And the men taking on sterling college following the women's game... This one was a tough back and forth battle from the get go... The Tigers were lights out from the perimeter... Charles Robinson Knocks this one down from long distance... But Sterling had their say... Chad Freess from Great Bend hits this bucket... Tigers up 14 - 11 in the first... Tim Peintner knocks down a long ball from the arc... And Robinson hits another from outside... It was a back and forth battle but the Tigers fall at home... Back and forth battle but the Tigers prevail at home... Improve to 2 and 1...

And finally tonight... Former Kansas City Chief Kendall Gammons was at Victoria High School today, speaking to the football team before their state title game this Saturday... Gammons shared stories from the NFL and handled many questions from the players...

Now if that doesn't get you inspired, don't know what will... And that's it for me... In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

**11/19/08**

**10p**

Just like a normal university graduating class... Steve Smith had four years to give everything he had... And now he's out...The head volleyball coach resigned from his post Wednesday afternoon... Smith was the head coach since 2005, and accumulated 44 wins and 82 losses in his time with the Tigers... Smith had only two winning seasons and the Lady Tigers finished 9 and 25 this year... Despite all that his players were surprised by Smith's exit.

Switching gears... But staying inside... Barton County basketball is back to their winning ways this season... Already off to an undefeated start, the Cougars look strong in 2008... But ask coach Craig Fletchall, and he'll tell you that you can't rest on your early record...

The Cougars play in the very tough Jayhawk conference and already off to a good start in conference, beating Fort Scott Tuesday night 86-73. The Cougars will be led this season by 3 returning starters, with 6 freshman and 6 sophomores on the court too. The Cougars have lots of depth this season, but they don't have that one special player, to take them over the top in the conference...The Cougars hit the court again this weekend during the Booster Club Classic... And stay with us for the latest on Coach Smith and reaction from the players... And that'll do it for me tonight, in Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**11/20/08**

**10p**

More reaction coming out of Gross Memorial Coliseum today following volleyball coach Steve Smith's exit from the program. Smith stepped down Wednesday, following a 9 and 25 season... He was the coach since 2005... Administrators say the search for the new coach will begin immediately...

Moving from one coach on the outs, to a coach that has cemented himself... Roger Barta and his Smith Center Redmen are poised to tie the record for longest winning streak in Kansas high school history this Friday night against Meade. The last time people in this area saw Meade was over a month ago when they were whipped by Lacrosse, 51-7... Meade has plenty of size to match up with Smith Center's sizable amount of heft and speed. The Leopards were viewed by many as Smith Center's only real threat and the Redmen dispatched them. They don't look like slowing down anytime soon... Kickoff is set for 6 down in Meade.

Meanwhile... Undefeated Victoria is headed for the 8 man division 2 state title against once beaten Hanover this Saturday in Newton... Hanover played for the division one state title last year, and now looking to add to their trophy case... The Knights will need to match up their size with Hanover's size and also keep hammering Hanover when Victoria has the ball. Every team is very good at this point in the season, so there will be no shortcuts for Victoria on Saturday. Game time is set for 11 am Saturday morning...

And that will do it for me tonight, in Hays... Im Grant Meech.

**11/24/08**

**10p**

Climbing to the top of the mountain isn't easy... It's a long and tough journey... And once you get up there, it's hard to stay on top... Because everyone is looking to knock you off. The Victoria football team knows this... And they learned it the hard way against unknown Hanover on Saturday at the division 2 state title game.

The Knights looking for their 3rd title since 2000... They would have to wait longer... Hanover jumped all over the Knights... Already up 24-0 in the second, when Hanover gets fancy... Quarterback Braden Hynek reverses to his running back who drops back and throws a bomb to a wide open Taylor Nicholson to give the Wildcats a 30 point lead. But Victoria would not go quietly... Garrett Dreiling hits senior Jordan Ottley, who breaks a tackle, gets into the open and dives into the endzone... Knights down 24 at half. Now in the second half, the Knights score on their first possession on a Blake Kerner touchdown run to cut the lead in half, but that was all they had... Hanover would notch two more scores to knock off Victoria and win the 8-man 2 title...

And Saturday night... FHSU squared off with rival Nebraska Kearney in a hoops double header... The Lady Tigers lost in a heart breaker at the buzzer... Falling 55-54...

Loper Jade Meades hit a jumpshot as time expired to win... Naomi Bancroft broke the school record for three pointers when she hit her 168th... To the mens side, they pounded Kearney 84-59... Terry Jeffries led the men with 16 points, and Devron Washington had 14... The men improve to 3-0, and the Lady Tigers fall to 2-2.

And that'll do it for me... In Hays tonight... I'm Grant Meech.

**11/25/08**

**10p**

Ok... We gotta do something about scheduling NAIA schools and Fort Hays lady basketball team... The Lady Tigers are 2 and 2 against these quote weaker schools athletically speaking. Now... When they play an NCAA team like Nebraska Kearney - they hung tough with them, only losing by one point, but then lose by 6 to Kansas Wesleyan last night at home...

The Swedes in town for a double header with the Tigers... Down by 7 with ten minutes left... Trying to get back in it... Kaylee Klug... On the steal... Takes it to the basket and is fouled... She would make the free throws, only down by 5... Erica Biel inside to get within three... But that's where it stops... Lady Tigers shooting went cold in the second half... Talia Miller tries from outside... No... Audra Binford... With the put back - no. They couldn't hit the basket when it counted... Miller on the steal... Out to Biel who dishes it to Binford -yes - no! Tigers lose to Bethany - 74-68. To the mens game... Easily in front the whole game... In the second half... Shaun Emerick... On the outside... Dishes it inside to Johnathan Blake who gets the basket... Emerick on the inside now, gets up and gets the basket... Tyrone Evans led the Tigers with 18 points... And Tim Paintner had 16... No question in this one - final score - 75-52 - big win for the Tigers but coach a little upset at the end.

Thats it for me tonight... In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**11/26/08**

**10p**

So now that football has almost come to an end... It's time to head inside... Lace up the sneakers and hit the hardwood... Basketball season is here... The Tigers and the Cougars are in full swing but high schools are just getting started... Hays High is already in the gym and looking to rebound...

The Indians are coming off a 13 and 8 regular season... But only went 500 in conference. Seasoned head coach Rick Keltner... Who begins his 23rd season at the helm, will hopefully lead the Indians back to the top of the WAC... They finished 2nd the past 2 years and first in 2006... But is concerned with his lack of experience returning. We can see whether they will play together at the Hays City Shootout in December, where the Indians will get their first real test.

And switching over to the girls side... The Lady Indians will be led by bob Schmitz... And if that name sounds familiar, Schmitz is the volleyball coach. Good for him

because he's got a majority of his girls back... Schmitz says the players are very aggressive and defensive minded, but he's gonna work on the offense, but having that aggressive defensive mindset will help the team...

Both teams hit the court at the Hays City Shootout in December...

And that will wrap it up for me, in Hays tonight I'm Grant Meech.

**11/27/08**

**10p**

Football is synonymous with Thanksgiving... Backyard battles while the turkey roasts in the oven and the Cowboys play somebody on the tube, followed by Lucy pulling the ball away from Charlie Brown... But now it's basketball season and there might be a future champion among us that is looking to build on their already full trophy case...

The Monarchs over at TMP are building a team that many think can challenge for the 4a title... Head coach Tim Hurdle has 8 seniors returning and 7 lettermen... And if you think that's good... He also has 4 starters returning from a 12 and 10 campaign from last season... Health is always a concern for coaches... And Hurdle feels like his team should be ready to go as long as there isn't a massive flu out break.

Moving to the girls team... The Lady Monarch should be just as good... Coming off a 15-7 season... TMP only lost 3 seniors, but coach Al Billinger says he's got a small but good group of girls that are hoping to add onto last seasons success and achieve some goals. But despite the low numbers... Billinger is ready for the first tipoff...

The Monarchs tipoff in WaKeeney against Trego next month...

And that will do it for me... In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech... Have a happy thanksgiving.

**11/28/08**

**10p**

There's an old saying that goes, if nothing changes, then nothing changes. This little mantra has proved quite successful for Smith Center, where nothing has changed on the football field for over three decades... Head coach Roger Barta has been at the helm for 31 years and still running his old belly option offense, to the tune of 66 wins in a row and on the verge of a 5th strait state title.

The Redmen will put their undefeated streak, which is tied for the longest winning streak in Kansas high school football history, up against Olpe Saturday for the 2A-1A championship in Hays at Lewis Field stadium. Kickoff is set for 12 30. This is Olpe's first trip to the title game but for the Redmen, this is just business as usual. Despite the holiday, Barta had his team out every morning this week, getting ready for this game, which is nothing unusual. Olpe is a bit of an unknown to many fans around here... Barta says they are a very athletic team who score a lot, and don't give the ball up

much, which prompted SC to put in a little more time on defense for practice. Now if Smith Center beats Olpe they will break the record for longest winning streak with 67, set previously by Pittsburg-Colgan, who lost to Olpe on the way to the title game... But while everyone else is thinking about the record, Barta is just proud of his team for getting here.

The snowy weather in Hays should clear up tomorrow and it will be sunny for kickoff... But be sure to go to [kwch.com](http://kwch.com) or [catchitKansas.com](http://catchitKansas.com) for your forecast. And that will wrap it up for me... In Hays tonight... I'm Grant Meech

**12/01/08**

**10p**

The good people of Smith Center won't admit it... But their Redmen have probably been cheating for three years or so... Ever since they beat Pittsburg-Colgan in 2004, SC has played with 12 men on the field every game since... But this extra player doesn't wear pads or even a jersey... This player is history and tradition and Olpe ran smack dab into him on Saturday. The Redmen captured their fifth strait state title Saturday... Beating the Eagles 48 to 19. This win broke the record for the longest winning streak in Kansas high school football history with 67 straight wins. If you didn't see the game, and only saw the stats... You would have figured it was a much closer game... Olpe had more first downs, held the ball longer and 400 yards of total offense to the Redmen's 488... The Eagles had 303 yards thru the air, in what proved to be a potent passing game, breaking the defense, giving the crowd quite a scare. But ultimately the juggernaut that is Smith Center would prove to be too much for Olpe in their first trip to state. The game was arguably over at halftime with the Redmen ahead by 21 points. Senior Marshall McCall would score all three of his touchdowns in the fourth quarter on the way to a state championship ring for every year he and the seniors were in high school. The party has been going in Smith Center for 5 years now, and it doesn't look like it's gonna slow down soon...

And that will do it for me tonight... In Hays. I'm Grant Meech.

**12/02/08**

**10p**

Going 500 in the non-conference schedule for first year head coach Tony Hobson should give fans mixed reviews... 3 wins to 3 losses... They played tough against a good Nebraska Kearney team, but fell hard to Kansas Wesleyan... The MIAA plays no favorites... Even for rookies... Fortunately, Hobson brings a heck of a resume with him...

Final tune up for the Lady Tigers before hitting conference play this weekend... Tuesday night taking on Oklahoma-Panhandle State... The Aggies hung tough in the early go... Kareez Bioni hits this jumper from outside... To tie the game up... But here this is where the Lady Tigers pull away... Erica on the inside driving to the basket for the layup... Later in the first... Kayla Klug hits this jumper from inside the arc... Tigers out to a 14 point lead right now... It would increase... Morgan Clark drives the paint and

get the basket... She had 7 points in the first... And Biel again... Gets the bucket... She led the team with 14 points at half, and a 40-21 lead in the locker rooms... And they would go on to win by the final... 74-47

And the men beat Newman University tonight... 82-66... Tigers improve to 5-0.

Respect isn't easy to come by... You have to give it to get, they say and the Ellis Railroaders have been giving it for a long time... But they haven't gotten any for a long time... And new coach John Befort is hoping to change that. The Rainers only won 6 games in the past two years... And that is something Befort wants to change. He brings some much needed experience to the coaching ranks... As he coached most of his players back in junior high and even before that, which will help with an attitude adjustment... Befort has a lot of juniors back on his first squad, so his players have playing time, which will be a good thing with... Because the Rainers open with a good Phillipsburg team and then head off to play Hoxie in the Castle Rock Classic.

And that's it for me... In Hays. I'm Grant Meech.

**12/03/08**

**10p**

Being on top is never easy... Just ask last years Patriots, and Texas Tech after they played Oklahoma... Great Bend lady basketball knows this feeling, but for some reason, they've been able to fight off the competition, and stay atop the WAC conference... And this year doesn't look any different. The Lady Panthers are back on the court, and looking to repeat last years performance, but only better... They made it to the playoffs but lost in the first round... While winning their 8th consecutive WAC title, that's no easy feat, but coach Jason Tackenhurst feels like he's got the players to do it again. It will be interesting to see, because the Lady Panthers will be extremely young, 3 upper classmen with 14 sophomores, which could create a problem. Over on the boys side... The Panthers will be no slouch themselves in 2009... Coach Jeff Langers squad should light up the scoreboard, but he's concerned about their defense... With all those weapons on offense, he needs to get the boys thinking defensively. If they do that, then success should come quickly for the Panthers. Both squads open up at the Hays City Shootout tomorrow...

And that will do it for me tonight... Remember to keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

**12/04/08**

**10p**

Tip off night for high school basketball tonight in Hays... For the 26th annual Hays City Shootout... Teams from all over the state out in Hays tonight... Colby, Newton, Desoto and even Kearney Nebraska in town for the event... But we start with Great Bend on the journey back to the title game against Colby....

4A vs 5A in this one... First half... Colby with the ball not anymore... Connor Langer on the steal... Takes it to the basket and scores and the foul... Big Levi Schlick for the Eagles get his own steal here... Takes it to the outside... Dishes it inside to Cory Sager.. Misses the lay up... But Schlick gets the putback.... But the Panthers had the Eagles number... Austin Zammarippa passes to Langer on the arc... Who drives inside and get the basket... And the win... Panthers over Eagles... 56-44... Coach... Your boys looked like they toughened up

Over to the girls game now... Panthers and Eagles... The baseline pass to Ashley Begger... Who gets the lay up... Colby with the ball now... Katrina Kaus... On the outside, just inside the arc... Hits the jumper... But Panthers were all over the Eagles.. A commanding 16 point lead right now, and it grew.. Inside pass out to Devan Begger over to McKenna Langer who knocks down the three... More threes... Alexis Brack... Sophomore... Bingo... Panthers win 46-23...

Over to Hays High now... The Lady Indians taking on Desoto... On the rebound Liz Shelton pass to Raina Sander who gets the lay up... Desoto with the ball now... From way outside... Kelsey Fisher... Drains that one... Jessie Steffan outside... Knocks down

the big three. Steffan on the steal out to Shelton with the lay up... Hays in front in the third... And they go on to win.

**12/08/08**

**10p**

If there were any doubt that Great Bend's Lady Panthers team was going to slow down after graduating a few seniors from last year's squad... It's been erased after they beat Kearney for the Hays City Shootout title on Saturday. Late in the game... Kearney down 6, when Maggie Maher throws the long pass to Nicole Arp who gets the layup to bring them back to 4... Later in the game Panthers still up, when Kearney tries to get closer... Kristy Russo, with the underneath pass to Arp again, to bring the Bearcats to within three... But Panthers pull away now... Alexis Brack from 3 point land... Good, Dreiling from the point hits Taycee Bunn down low for the layup... And Brack again from downtown... It's good and they win... 44-39...

Over to the consolation bracket... Hays against Colby... We move to the fourth quarter in this one... Indians down 5 when Zach Danner hits from long range, only down 2... Indians with the ball again, trying from long range... The rebound grabbed by Travis Pfannenstiel who gets the putback, all tied up... After Colby misses on the far end, Hays Dexter Feifer drives untouched to the basket to go on top... Under a minute to go, now and Colby with the ball... Big Levi Schlick gets the layup, and the lead... 48-46... Hays goes for one last attempt... No good. Hays loses 49-46.

And that will do it for me tonight... In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**12/09/08**

**10p**

After 23 seasons coaching girls basketball... Bob Likem decided he'd take a break and just be a fan... Watching a game from the bleachers instead of the floor... But that one season of retirement of was enough for Likem as he is back on the reigns for Victoria in 2009... Likem inherits a team that will be transformed this season, from a typical Victoria power team to a faster... run and gun type of team... But Likem assured us that his team will be strong on defense, just like every year, but transitioning won't be the only difficult thing for Victoria who had only one senior last year. Likem's biggest challenge will be instilling confidence in his squad, who compete in the very difficult central prairie league.

Over on the boys side, they'll also be getting ready for a new coach... Stu Meckel takes over for the Knights in 2009... Moeckel inherits a team that went 12 and 8 last season and advanced to the regional tournament, but were bounced in the first round. Meckels needs to get his boys some experience, but he doesn't see it as a challenge.

Still, the fundamentals will be key for the Knights to succeed in 2009, in the CPL... Something the rookie coach will be preaching this season...

And that'll do it for me tonight... In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**12/10/08**

**10p**

Transitioning from the playing field to the coaching arena is a natural transition for athletes... They can't participate in the sport anymore, so why not mold the next generation... Hoping that they will be more successful than you imagined... But when you're a first year coach, inheriting a team with low numbers, success could be a subjective term. Such is the case for TMP... First year head coach Eric Johnson takes over for the Monarchs. The Fort Hays State grad inherits a team with low numbers, just over ten kids on the squad... Fortunately, he has a good core of kids to help the inexperienced along this season.

Coming from Norton, Johnson is getting used to having only a handful of wrestlers... But the biggest adjustment for Johnson will be his mental transition from strapping it up to coaching from the sidelines.

Over to Hays where they will have plenty of wrestlers this season... But it won't be easy for the Indians... The WAC is one of the toughest conferences in the state, and coach John Hayfligger isn't sure how he feels about the season with a lot of young kids on the mat. Still, experience on the mat has to be gained on the mat... There's no other way for someone to learn the right techniques than win or lose in a match, which isn't easy.

And that'll do it for me tonight... In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**12/11/08**

**10p**

There's no turning back now for Fort Hays State... The Tigers are head long into conference play, after splitting a series with Nebraska Omaha, taking on Missouri Western this weekend won't be easy, despite the Griffins lowly record... The teams will be battling injuries, and finals. The men are coming off their first loss of the season to the Mavericks, last Friday... The Tigers rallied back to fall short at the buzzer by three... Coach Mark Johnson sees some challenges with the undersized but athletic Griffins. The Tigers are a little banged up right now... Notably junior Tim Paintner, who ended practice with an ice pack on his shoulder... Johnson was a little surprised by the injury.

The Lady Tigers are also nursing some injuries... Transfer Talia Miller tore her ACL earlier this week, and is out the rest of the season. Coach Tony Hobson is concentrating on keeping his team healthy... Audra Binford has a sore back and Naomi Bancroft has a bum knee... But Hobson says the team is in high spirits with a winning record...

Finally tonight, Tiger wrestling is headin north to rival Kearney for a tournament this weekend. The Tigers are really hurting right now, lots of guys out after the Bob Smith Open, so this rivalry matchup won't have the same intensity it usually does.

And that'll do it for me... Tune in tomorrow night for the catch it Kansas show on the Kansas CW... In Hays... I'm Grant Meech

**12/15/08**

**10p**

Looks like the tables have turned... In the beginning of the basketball season, expectations were high for the men's team... Who had several returners on a team that went to the NCAA tournament last year... While people weren't sure what to think of the ladies team, with a new coach coming in. But now the Lady Tigers are on a four game winning streak, and the boys got embarrassed Saturday night by Missouri Western. Griffons holding a twelve point lead at half... here's why... Dominiq Thurston went on a tear, scoring 23 points... Three of them right there. Despite the wide margin... Fort Hays shot ok from the floor... Terry Jeffries for three right there... Pass out to Corbin Kuntsh who nails a long three ball... They both had 11 points, and Devron Washington had 10 points on the night... But Missouri Western was too much for Tigers down the stretch... More Thurston... Tigers lose bad... 72-57.

Before that the Lady Tigers were matched up against the Griffons. A much better affair for them... Naomi Bancroft from way down town... Drains that - she had 12 points.. And Kayla Klug gets in the action from outside... She had 14 on the night... Coach Tony Hobson was a little upset with the way his girls played, despite the win. Pass on the inside to Erica Biel who gets up - gets the bucket and the foul, she had 19 on the way to a 73-61 victory... Coach Hobson explains his frustration.

The men are back on the court Friday night against Friends University, while the girls are off until after Christmas... Remember to keep sending in your sports stories and score to the station... In hays, I'm Grant Meech

**12/16/08**

**10p**

Welcome into al Billinger Fieldhouse where TMP is taking on the Phillipsburg Panthers... The boys are trying to get back on track after dropping two on the road... They return home tonight to get a little redemption... While the Lady Monarchs are steaming right along at 4 and 0 after winning the Scott City Invitational last week, they are off to one of their best starts in recent history. Lady Monarchs holding a 9 point lead at half, but Phillipsburg didn't get to 4-0 without being good. Lindsay Dusin to Emily Coca down low for the basket... TMP comes roaring back though... Sophie Shippers at the top of the key to Kaylee Hoffman who knocks down the wide open jumper... Lady Panthers would respond or so it seems... The give and go is stuffed by Jess Stremmel - she was huge defensively for TMP. And this is where they would poor it on.. Up 17 now... Strammel from outside knocks down a long jumper she had 11 points... Maddie Holub from outside she drains that she had 10 on the night... 22 point lead now and it didn't get any better. Lady Monarchs roll 65 - 26 TMP 5-0.

Over to the boys game, need to get off on the right note and how about a dunk... Senior Jason Mayers... Brings it home... The Panthers with the ball now and they waste no time... Long pass to Ben Suxland to Dylan Frantz who gets the bucket. Monarchs

running the floor all night, Shane Gottschalk to Darren Wellbrock with the layup. TMP up 8 after 1 quarter. A back and forth battle but TMP would prevail 65-64.

**12/17/08**

**10p**

No one likes a target on their back... Even if it's a good target, when everyone is aiming at you.... No one likes that, and the team with the biggest target is arguably the Trego Golden Eagles. The boys basketball team will be dodging shots all season... After winning their own Purple and Gold Tournament last week... They still have an uphill battle in 2009. Coach Lance Ziggler says the biggest weak point is the Eagles offense... They need to score more as they lost a good amount of scorers from last year.

And that tough schedule for the boys... Doesn't stop with the girls... The Lady Golden Eagles will face that same tough mid-continent league schedule as the boys... Coach Carl Bearens said his team needs to get tougher and bring a little fire to the court.

And finally the wrestling team will be hurting for numbers this season... Only 8 guys on the squad for coach Daniel Wynn... Which makes the wrestling room a little empty.

Wynn says his team won't win any meets but he expects strong individual effort from his guys.

And that'll do it for me tonight... Remember to keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station... In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**12/18/08**

**10p**

What a difference a year makes... This time last year, the Lady Leopards basketball team was probably hoping they would get more than one win... That season... ultimately finishing the season with only 4... Fast forward to this year, and they've already matched last years total, and now they are looking for more. Second year head coach Travis Olive is seeing his plan now finally coming together... But it hasn't been easy for LaCrosse... The Lady Leopards are scarce with upperclassmen... And overflowing with sophomores and freshman... Olive is even starting a few of them Over to the boys side... New head coach Rob Holo-pairick is having a similarly tough transition... The LaCrosse alum is trying to get the boys back to basics and teach them to think like basketball players...

Fortunately, he will have no shortage of athletes on the court... As he tries to build a program at LaCrosse.

And finally tonight, some job vacancies have opened up this week as Hays High football coach Rick Blosser and Trego head coach Myron Flax resigned from their posts. Flax was the head coach for 12 seasons and Blosser only two.

And that'll do it for me tonight... Remember to watch the Catch it Kansas show tomorrow night at 11 on the Kansas CW network... Eagle Cable channel 12. In Hays... I'm Grant Meech.

**12/30/08**

**10p**

With the BCS National title game just over a week away... Whether you are a Jayhawk or a Wildcat, everyone in this area will be paying more attention to the Oklahoma Sooners... Especially next year... As local legend Marshall Musil heads to Norman.

Marshall Musil's recruiting journey started at a bit of an odd time... Started last spring during track season... I was just getting letters and I could call them... and then it really got started during the summer – I went to camps, and I went to the KU practice... When the blue chip recruit took his mom and sister to Lawrence... the Musil family got a meeting of a lifetime... Coach Mangino started heading in our way, pretty soon he's right in front of us shaking Marshall's hand, he says, we're going to offer you a full scholarship to play here at KU and Meredith and I, our jaws dropped and that's when we knew it was really going to happen... After that meeting, the Musil's were off to visit coaches and camps all across the region... from Oklahoma to Texas and Missouri... and where ever they went... letters to Marshall would follow... enough to fill this shoebox... But the special ones stayed out... Missouri, Kansas... and Oklahoma... Arguably the best small school player in the state... Marshall finally decided on Oklahoma... the other schools wanted him to play defense... but the Sooners had other plans for the 6 foot 2, 220 pounder... I would have played either in college if everyone had offered me linebacker, I still would have done it, but tight end gave me an edge and I like their offense...

Marshall's ability to move the ball will move him out of his small hometown of just over 1200 people to Norman Oklahoma... ten times the size of lacrosse... When he chose OU I was ok with it, then I panicked because he's a long ways away from here... but Marshall can adjust... Marshall's adjustment will come... but right now he's keeping his dreams on the ground in Lacrosse... I'm trying to live for Lacrosse right now, trying to win our game – I'm not trying to be in Norman yet... And he is still living for Lacrosse... On the basketball court now, as one of the leading scorers... That'll do it for me tonight... In Hays I'm grant Meech and have a Happy New Year.

**12/31/08**

**10p**

Oh the holidays can be a mixed bag of goodies... The same can be said for tiger basketball... They split a series with northwest missouri after christmas, and then on new year's eve... Well, let's just say they probably wanted that ball to drop very, very soon.