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Supplemental Issues and  
Programming Report

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### **ISSUES REPORT**

KBSL-DT is a CBS Network Affiliate in their service area. In carrying out their responsibilities as a public trustee, the stations deal with and are responsive to the principal issues arising in its community on a continuing basis. Our most significant programming that has dealt with current community activities and issues during the preceding three-month period is set forth below.

### **SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

KBSL-DT is a primary satellite of KWCH-DT and carries local programming listed in the primary Issues and Programs filing. News stories carried in any of five daily newscasts, Monday through Friday, and on three per day newscasts on Saturday, and on two per day newscasts on Sunday, ranging in length of 45 seconds or more, address community issues. In addition, KBSL-DT broadcast locally produced segments listed on the following pages.

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

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TI ME</b>
<b>Agriculture News and Views</b> This 3 minute segment is dedicated to informing our viewers of the latest technology, farm policy and information featuring host Eddie Estes.	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>12:25PM</b>
<b>Sports Two Minute Drill</b> This 2 minute sports segment covers local High School sports.	<b>Mondays – Thursdays</b> <b>Repeated Tuesday – Fridays</b>	<b>10:25PM</b> <b>12:25PM</b>
<b>Public Services Announcements</b> KBSD broadcasts local and national public service announcements of varying lengths throughout the broadcast schedule. PSAs are listed in the primary Issues and Programs file.	<b>Various</b>	

7/1/16

Fourth of July weekend is here and there's nothing more American than three days of baseball... As the annual Wild West fest tournament got underway today.... First up it's Colby taking on the roughnecks, routine ground ball and they have no problems with that, roughnecks cruise to a win... Next we've got Mcook and Ellis, check out this throw from the catcher to Kaden Sitzman who picks off the runner... Then nick fochuck with what looks like an easy pop fly, but he misjudges the ball, coy terry takes off from first and slides in to second... Crazy play there... Cole peters at the plate, a wild pitch flies by the catcher and terry scores... Same game another wild throw and this time it's fochuck who scores.... Later it's the hays eagles against the Kansas cannons, John Eagen on the mound and he was strong for the cannons, gets the pop up fly... Cannons cruised 6-2... Switching to the larks, the team ended the month with their first series loss all season, dropping last night's game against Dodge City 5-4... But at 20-4 overall and a spot in the NBC World Series locked up, the team is feeling confident... The record speaks for itself.

7/6/16

The hays larks won the first half of the Jayhawk league season, giving them an automatic bid into the NBC World Series... But they haven't slowed down since... The larks have gone 2-1 in the second part of the season... Last night breaking a scoreless game open with a five run eighth inning, then holding on for a 5-2 win over derby... At 22-5, 17-5 in league play, the larks haven't had many bad games... A testament to their chemistry which got established early on... The larks success has been gaining national attention... Earlier this week they landed at number 14 on the college summer baseball... After missing out on the NBC World Series last year the players are ready to get back... One of the characters leading the team is Oklahoma junior Austin OBrien who's played out of his mind... Batting 440 with five home runs and 23 RBIS.... They'll need him this week as the larks enter a busy nine game homestand... They're off today and tomorrow before hosting Haysville on Friday... Then they get a two day rest before the series against liberal... Then a one day rest before finishing up the homestand against wellington.... Pretty insane schedule.

7/7/16

Last year was rough for the hays high football team... The Indians went 2-7 and lost their final four games... With low numbers at summer workouts, the team doing their best to stay positive... A key part of that climb will be the Indians offense that struggled last season to find a rhythm... The Indians also need to improve on defense, hays got outscored 152-48 in the final four games... It's hard when players have to start on both sides of the ball... But that's just the way it is... More and more athletes are focusing on one sport and the coaches say it hurts everyone involved... For those who make it to 7am daily workouts, not playing football just isn't an option...

7/8/16

Two series sweeps for the A's to start July. Only problem, they're on the wrong end of them, still winless this month. Coach Flores hopes the day off Thursday helped them re-energize. So the A's came into Friday fresh, loose and ready to battle against a team that shares the same record. Ace John Pendergast on the mound... A's believe he's the right guy to start the turnaround. Looked good early with that strikeout on broncos infielder Adam brown, game

scoreless after one a's need the bats to get going and they do, Brett Minnick homered last game, keeps it going here with this double to right... Ben Mauseth \*breathes\* racing in to score... Dodge up one oh Minnick on third now and that wild pitch allows him to come home... A's take a two oh lead Pendergast gives up two next inning but settles in, brown strikes out again, a's eventually go up six two, final on CIK.

7/11/16

Busy weekend for the hays larks who started their nine game homestand with a series against Haysville... After dropping Friday's opener to Haysville, the 18-6 larks took the field Saturday trying to regain their form... Early on Haysville at the plate, a routine grounder but biggers misses the toss and it looks like the runner is safe, no sir the ump calls him out... Then its Haysville again, this time pops it up, the larks defense looking good early on... Then it's the freshman biggers at the plate, he's having a great year, hitting just under 30 with ten RBI...cranks this one to left and it gets by the outfielder, biggers to first... Then its Nate Olinger at the plate, and the senior from Colorado school of mines gets a nice bounce that jumps past the first baseman, sending biggers flying! Jax zips past second and ends up at third in prime scoring position... Cisco community college sophomore Devlan Granberg slices it to left and its good enough... Biggers trots down the line, larks win 2-1.... In yesterday's series final, the larks out hit Haysville 12-8 but were 0-11 with runners in scoring positions losing 5-2... The larks are 23-7, 19-7 in league play and are 3-3 so far in July... The larks were ranked 20th in the most recent collegiate summer baseball top thirty five, dropping from 14th last week... The larks are off today but start another series against liberal tomorrow and then a series against wellington on Friday...

7/12/16

The tmp football team probably wants to forget last season...the monarchs went 1-8 and found out their head coach was moving on to a new school... But they finally got some good news that came from Hawaii.... Yep, you heard that right... Tmp announced Jason Cauley as the new head football coach, born in Alabama, Cauley most recently was the head high school coach in Honolulu Hawaii... Back in hays, the players were a little confused... He's only been around the players for a few weeks but likes what he sees. Losing has only motivated the seniors to work harder... It won't be easy. The Monarchs lack of depth means little rest for the players... The players want to win but they also want to set an example of what monarch football should be... Cauley's embraced the challenge and understands what's needed as a head coach...

7/14/16

Some lucky kids in Osborne got a treat earlier today at a football camp run by former K-State players... The town sponsored the camp with the Kansas gridiron greats, a camp hosted by players like Morgan burns, Cody Cook, Braden Wilson and Tramine Thompson that has been stopping in small towns all across Kansas... A proud smith center Redman, Wilson was finally able to show his teammates where he came from for others it was a reminder of their impact as players... Especially in a town the size of Osborne... The big 12 preseason rankings came out today with the wildcats landing in eighth... Second to last...

7/15/16

High school sports play an important role in many small communities in western Kansas and across the country... But recently, high school athletes are choosing to focus on one sport year round, and some coaches aren't happy about it... For the second year in a row, hays football coach Randall Rath will lead a team without some of the school's best athletes... For the players who show up to 7am summer workouts, the low numbers are frustrating... Fort hays head coach Chris Brown has a front row seat to the issue in hays, his son hunter plays quarterback for the Indians... Brown also says he primarily recruits multi-sport athletes but that it has to start with the high school coaches encouraging their players to play multiple sports... And better team's benefits everyone involved... Those who do come out for football are there for a reason...

7/18/16

Big weekend for the hays larks, last night they beat wellington 9-3 capping off a four game sweep... The larks moved into 1st place in the Jayhawk league second half, at 29-8, 25-8 in league play... The larks won the Jayhawk league first half crown, securing a spot in the NBC World Series but haven't let up in July... Some other big news, former MLB pitcher roger Clemens headlines a team of former MLB players who are competing in the NBC World Series in Wichita... A chance for the larks to go up against some former MLB players... The super team, nicknamed the Kansas stars got an automatic bye into the tournament, whereas teams like the larks had to earn their way in...

7/19/16

Exciting news for fort hays fans. Former tiger point guard Craig Nicholson is heading overseas. Nicholson announced he'll be playing in Romania and i talked to him earlier this morning... He signed with Cuza sport Braila, a professional team in Braila Romania... Nicholson's contract is for two years with an out after one based on how the team finishes... A four time all-MIAA selection at fort hays, he's ready to get back on the court... He's living out every young basketball players dream and stayed calm while signing the contract... Mostly he's just excited to keep playing basketball.

7/21/16

There's still more than a month before the fort hays football team takes the field but players have been working out all summer long. Coming off a record breaking year where he rushed for just over fourteen hundred yards, Shaq Cooper spent the first part of the summer training with NFL players in San Diego and Florida... Another player happy to be back is Malik Thomas who started last year's home opener before suffering a season ending injury during the game... Having Thomas back suits cooper just fine... The tigers boast one of the deepest backfields in the MIAA and so far everyone's happy... Last year the team tied the school record for most wins but are far from satisfied...

7/27/16

The larks were back in hays tonight, finishing up their series against Dodge City before the Jayhawk league playoff this weekend... Early on, it's mike Medishefksky at the plate, he takes this one deep to right, sacrifice hit that scores a runner, game tied 1-1 after one inning... Bottom of the second, Nate Olinger at the plate and he hits a nice ball into left field, McKenzie scores followed right up by burns.... Larks lead 3-1... Then it's Medishefksky again... This time he takes this ball deep! Smashes it off the scoreboard and let the home run trot begin... Medishefksky's ninth home run of the game... Larks lead 11-7 heading into the 7th...

7/29/16

Even though the larks won the first and second half of the Jayhawk league they still have to play Dodge City for the Jayhawk crown. The teams got going tonight in hays... Before the game, Austin OBrien running out on the field, he's having a nice summer, nine homers and is hitting 404... Devlan Granberg on the mound and early on he was dealing...gets dodge city swinging... But Dodge City drew first blood, nice cut to left center enough for two of the a's to cross the plate... Dodge up 2-0 early on... Then Nate Olinger continued his stellar play, keeping the larks engaged, he slices one to right and gets the double... Larks cut the lead 2-1 heading into the sixth... The larks have dealt with injuries and roster changes all July and wrapped up the second half of Jayhawk competition once again in first place... But it hasn't been easy... The team's still focused on the World Series.

8/1/16

Lance i think it's probably the same fuel that was in it back in 2005 when the chiefs drafted him 15th overall and he doesn't appear to be running out any time soon... Like you said he's anchored this defense for more than a decade, last year coming back from an injured Achilles, he had 116 tackles and four sacks, was a pro bowler in 2015, his fourth pro bowl of his career... At 33 he's just signed a three year extension with the chiefs but isn't taking anything for granted...

8/2/16

Busy day for some MIAA players and coaches who traveled to Kansas City for the 2016 football media day... Fort hays got picked to finish 6th in the MIAA by the coaches and fifth by the media... Last year the team tied for a third place finish and spot in the mineral water bowl... Coach Brown said they had good turnout at spring and summer workouts and want to build on last year's success... The tigers open the season at home against Missouri southern on September first...

8/8/16

Pretty exciting weekend for the larks who kicked off their NBC World Series trip with two wins in pool play... Last night the larks squeezed past San Diego 3-2, they are now 2-0 in pool play... With a win tomorrow against northwest honkers they can win the pool... The larks cruised in their opener Friday against Hutchinson, winning 7-2... Last night's win was the larks seventh straight and 17th out of 18... Even when injuries or roster adjustments threatened their season... Sunday was a good one for big mike who won the first ever NBC home run derby... But the team's focus is still on winning a World Series trophy...

8/11/16

Football is finally back... The fort hays tigers hit the field for the first team practice of the year and players could hardly hold their excitement... It's not just the players who are happy to be back... And coach liked what he saw... Driven by last year's success, the team got some extra motivation when the MIAA coaches picked them to finish 6th in the preseason poll... Mezera takes over the offense and gives the tigers a different look than Treveon Albert who torched defenses with his feet... Mezera's arm has already impressed coaches and players but he's staying humble...

8/12/16

If you're like me you're still trying to process how on earth the chiefs came back against the chargers... Down 21-3 at the half, it seemed like all hope was lost rfor kansas city... Chiefs fans weren't looking to happy during halftime but something changed because the team came out possessed... First it was alex smith to the vet jeremy maclin to pull kansas city back into the game... Then it was spencer ware, what an incredible performance he had! He scores the game tying touchdown and it sounded like arrowhead might explode.... But the chiefs still needed a stop defensivly and it was dee ford who blew by the lineman, sacks phillip rivers to send this game to overtime! Chiefs fans going crazy! In overtime it was captain smith, engineering a perfect drive, connecting with travis kelce for a huge gain, kelce flexing a little for the camera... But then it was number eleven doing it himself, runs it in for a walkoff, game winning touchdown. The largest second half come back in franchise history! They were fired up but also an interesting moment before the game when marcus peters raised his fist during the national anthem...

8/15/16

The day we've been waiting for all summer long. High school football kicked off first practices today and the tmp monarchs hit the field with their new head coach... New head coach jason cauley is intense, motivating and ready to turn tmps program around... Overshadowed by the schools basketball and baseball team, players are ready to start putting ws in the box score... Coach cauley could be the perfect man for the job... The low numbers are just another source of motivation for the team...

8/18/16

With an exciting new quarterback and loaded backfield, the fort hays offense is gonna be fun to watch this year... But they're defense is also looking forward to a breakout year... Last year the tigers finished fifth in the miaa in yards allowed, giving up 388 yards per game... This year they wanna make sure the start fast and don't slack... Shepard enters his second year on the defensive line and they'll need him this year... It'll also workout great for the secondary who finished fifth in the conference for interceptions... Helping out dumas will be rashad dunnigan who missed last season with an injury...

8/29/16

We've been waiting all summer for this week. Football, just four days away and the norton bluejays want to follow up their 3a track state championship with one on the gridiron...

8/30/16

Just two days until the fort hays football team kicks off the new season against missouri southern and the team is counting down the minutes... But some of the players are savoring the moment... First up is missouri southern who went 1-10 last year and finished second to last in the miaa... But the tigers know not to take them lightly mezera has been impressive so far with his leadership of the team...

8/31/16

Fall sports are officially underway, the fort hays football plays tomorrow and the 15th ranked mens soccer team is ready to pick up right where they left off.. Last year the tigers exploded onto the scene, setting a school record by going 13-5-2 and winning their second straight ncaa d2 central region crown... A key to that will be their dangerous scoring threat, the tigers outscored opponents 42-26 last year... The offense averaged just over 2 goals a game and miaa player of the year mauricio castorino returns to a loaded veteran offense. But the tigers haven't forgotten about defense...

9/7/16

It's the second week of football season and both the fort hays tigers and hays indians are gearing up for big games... The tigers come off their week one victory over missouri southern and hit the road for a thursday night game against

16 ranked central missouri... last week fort hays struggled to capitalize on field position but their defense came up huge, returning an interception for a touchdown.... The tigers rush attack also showed its potential, amassing over 200 yards... Largely on the backs of malik thomas and shaquille cooper... Quarterback jacob mezero finished 15-32 for 147 yards in his first game as the tigers starting quarterback... the tigers face central missouri tomorrow night, fort hays has won the last two meetings with them, beating the then 20th ranked mules last year to clinch a spot in the mineral water bowl... Switching to high school where the hays indians opened the season with a 31-21 victory over scott city... Scott city lead 21-10 after three quarters but the indians came back and never gave up... Hays travels to great bend on friday to try to make it 2-0 on the season...

9/12/16

If you're like me you're still trying to process how on earth the chiefs came back against the chargers... Down 21-3 at the half, it seemed like all hope was lost for kansas city... Chiefs fans weren't looking to happy during halftime but something changed because the team came out possessed... First it was alex smith to the vet jeremy maclin to pull kansas city back into the game... Then it was spencer ware, what an incredible performance he had! He scores the game tying touchdown and it sounded like arrowhead might explode.... But the chiefs still needed a stop defensively and it was dee ford who blew by the lineman, sacks phillip rivers to send this game to overtime! Chiefs fans going crazy! In overtime it was captain smith, engineering a perfect drive, connecting with travis kelce for a huge gain, kelce flexing a little for the camera... But then it was number eleven doing it himself, runs it in for a walkoff, game winning touchdown. The largest second half come back in franchise history! They were fired up but also an interesting moment before the game when marcus peters raised his fist during the national anthem...

9/13/16

Fort hays is back on the practice field this week after saturdays 34-17 loss to central missouri. Today coach brown said he wanted to see more effort from the team... It seems the players were also unimpressed with their performance through eleven games the tigers are 11th in the miaa in yards per game and 9th defensively in yards allowed... Coach brown knows it starts in practice...

9/15/16

Some western athletic conference action today in hays as the indians hosted the dodge city demons on the soccer field... The demons entered the game 5-0, they've been playing some great soccer. Early on they get penetration but hays able to stop the attack... Still early in the first half, it's antonio de la torre with the penalty kick and he hits this one perfectly! Slices it around the wall and past the goalie... Demons jump out to a 1-0 lead... Still in the first half it's alejandro rojas with the little give and go, gets past the indians defense, then he drops it off to diego olivares who takes two dribbles before drilling it in the upper left corner! Demons on top 2-0! Later it's eddie del toro off a beautiful cross, uses his head and the demons are up 3-0! They lead 4-0 at the half... And won 9-0... Now switching over to football where the defending 2-1a state champion phillipsburg panthers have another tough matchup on their hands... Last week the panthers dismantled smith center, and this week they host plainville, who's 2-0 after upsetting heavy favorite norton last week... A key for the panthers will be mark and kirk coomes, part of phillipsburgs bruising backfield who also love watching each other play...

9/19/16

It was an exciting weekend for the fort hays football team who got back on track with a commanding victory over central oklahoma... The tigers bounced back from their week two loss and it started in practice... The coaches way seemed to work. Players said coach brown also called the team out and challenged them to play better... One player who responded was quarterback jacob mezero who'd struggled to find a rhythm in the first few games... But on saturday he was on fire. Going 12-18 for 223 yards and three touchdowns in the first half.. And said he finally felt comfortable under center... Also fun for the entire offense who gained 475 yards... A huge improvement for the tigers who came into the game ranked 11th in the miaa in yards per game...

9/20/16

The fort hays tigers are back at practice three days after their 31-16 victory over central oklahoma.... And now the 2-1 tigers turn their attention to northeastern state... The tigers rebounded from their week 2 loss with their best game of the season. The offense finally clicked, showing glimpses of its full potential as they gained 475 yards and looked sharp through out the night... It was the most complete game the tigers have put together and players said it started with their mindset... The tigers now turn their attention to 1-2 northeastern state but the coaching staff knows not to overlook them... Some good news for the tigers, brown said runningback malik thomas would be available to play

on saturday... Thomas was held out of the central oklahoma as a precaution because of a slight knee injury... His quarterback couldn't be happier... Some other area action, tmp boys took on st. Johns military academy and the monarchs cruised 5-1, here they got a great shot on goal, it was deflected but tmp able to walk the ball in...

9/21/16

The tmp girls volleyball team is off to an insane start this year... The monarchs are 17-1 and playing great volleyball.. And they say the hot start was part of the plan... The monarchs had high expectations last year before their season ended abruptly in the substate final against beloit... A loss that still sticks with the team... The monarchs are third in the latest kansas volleyball association rankings, breezing through their latest matches in smith center... A key to their hot start has been how the team approaches the games, even if it's against a lesser team... Two years ago the monarchs made it to state and that's their goal again this year... The monarchs three seniors have upped the intensity each practice and game...

9/22/16

Busy day in hays today as the tmp boys soccer team took the field against liberal... And the fort hays girls volleyball team prepared for their home opener... First up it's the monarchs hosting liberal... And the redskins controlled this one from the start... Slicing through the tmp defense they almost get an early goal but the goalie steps in the way... Later its liberal again, gets a good shot on goal! Once again monarchs able to tip this one away... But finally late in the second half, monarchs defense collapses and the redskins sneak one by... They win 2-0... Tmp is off until october first when they travel and play st. John military... Now switching over to fort hays volleyball, the tigers are off to one of their best starts in recent history... Fort hays is 12-1, they started the season on a 12 game winning streak and it's affected the locker room... A lot of that intensity and urgency comes from the seniors, who know this is their last chance to put on a tigers uniform... The tigers struggled in the past to play from behind but have already come back from early deficits... And it shows the players that their hard work has a reward.

9/26/16

It was an exciting weekend for high school football as great bend and dodge city faced off for some western athletic conference action. It was homecoming for great bend and in last year's homecoming dodge city crushed them 51-7.. A loss that the team clearly didn't forget... You could tell the panthers wanted revenge, they came out fast, here qb \_\_\_\_ fakes the handoff, splits the blockers and he is off! Great bend and dodge city went back and forth but the panthers hung on 34-27, they got their revenge and are now undefeated on the year... Moving over to hoisington where the cardinals have been playing some unbelievable football.. They've outscored opponents 163-31 in four games and take pride in it... The cardinals are 20-3 over the past three seasons and the ten seniors on the team know this is their last shot to make it count...

10/3/16

The fort hays football got another huge win saturday against lindenwood, it's their third straight win and the tigers once again not letting injuries slow them down...last year's rushing leader shaquille cooper left the game saturday with a lower back injury but the tigers rush game continued to dominate... Malik thomas has been dealing with a nagging injury this season but was on fire saturday, rushing for two touchdowns and said he's 100% healthy... But it was charles tigner who stole the show, the tigers play him at running back and receiver and he showed why! Hauling in a 67 yard touchdown pass from jacob mezera, he also added a rushing touchdown for 160 all purpose yards, his teammates like what they see... Thomas missed all of last season with a knee injury but has played well this season... Rushing for 5 touchdowns already, and his coach is a big fan... Tune in tomorrow to hear from coaches and players about their upcoming rivalry game against pitt state...

10/6/16

Busy day for soccer fans in hays as the 5-8 indians hosted liberal and the 4-7 tmp monarchs faced off against dodge city... Late in the hays game liberal on the break, indians goalie almost stops it but it goes over his head... Hays tries to clear it but ends up scoring in their own goal... Later hays has a great opportunity to score but puts it a little wide... Liberal wins 5-1... Across the city, tmp and dodge city... Demons Joshua Don Juan pushing the tempo, crosses it to Rodrigo angulo who looks like he might get stopped, switches feet and finds the back of the goal! Dodge City is playing some phenomenal soccer this year, they were 10-0 entering the game... Later it's Aries yeverino... He slips a beautiful cross behind the monarchs defense and it's a goal! Tmp wanted off sides but the ref says no. Dodge city wins \_\_\_\_ and stays perfect... Switching to football, tomorrow Hoisington hosts Nickerson in one of the best matchups across the state. Nickerson is 4-1 but faces a cardinal's team that is playing incredible football,

outscored opponents 195-45 this season... And the team takes pride in it... Be sure to tune in tomorrow night to catch it Kansas for highlights and recap of this game... Finally, Saturday will be a huge test for the 4-1 Fort Hays football team as they travel to Pitt State for a crucial MIAA showdown. Both teams are 4-1 and are fighting for the second spot in the MIAA behind Northwest Missouri...

10/10/16

There were some happy fans across the state this morning after a busy weekend in Kansas sports... Fort Hays took down Pitt, K-State battled Texas Tech and Hoisington stayed undefeated.... First up a huge MIAA showdown between Fort Hays and Pitt State, both teams 4-1, battling for the second spot in the conference and Saturday did not disappoint! Jacob Mezera had a huge day Saturday, setting the Fort Hays single game record for total yards with 506 yards, he also tied a school record with five touchdowns in a single game... His favorite target was Charles Tigner who followed up last week with 160 yards and two touchdowns... Leading the tigers to a crucial 54-41 victory... The tigers move to 5-1 and are in a two way tie for second with Emporia... Next up it's a big 12 showdown in Manhattan... K-State taking on the top ranked offense in the country Texas Tech and the Wildcats went toe to toe with the Red Raiders... Early on that 4th ranked defense showing their stuff, Isaiah Harris takes the interception to the house! Later Byron Pringle busts a 99 yard touchdown return, breaks a few tacklers, and he is gone! K-State came into the game 2-2, desperately needing their first conference win and this helped! Check out the celebration, Heath comes in and punches him in the gut! A little too much on that one but the Wildcats hung on 44-28 for a much needed win...

10/11/16

Fresh off their huge win against Pitt, the Fort Hays tigers moved into the Division 2 top 25 for the first time in school history... The tigers come in at 23rd and Coach Brown said the team still hasn't played a complete game... Jacob Mezera was special on Saturday setting a new tigers record with 508 total offensive yards... And said he wasn't aware of the record during the game.. The tigers are 5-1, in a two way tie for second in the MIAA but still don't feel respected... Since taking over the team, Coach Brown has improved each year and said the community is noticing...

10/12/16

The Fort Hays volleyball team is having a great season so far. The tigers are 18-5 and picked up two non conference wins yesterday... Tigers hosting their fifth annual pass, set, pink night... The team's been playing really well so far... First up, Fort Hays and Oklahoma Panhandle State, Chandler Hillman serving and this one was not returned! Nice ace by the junior... Tigers cruised in three sets... Second match of the day... Tigers hosting Northwest Oklahoma State with similar results... Fort Hays makes easy work, wins in three sets... They host number 10 Central Oklahoma on Friday... Switching to football... Tigers back at practice following their win against Pitt State... This week the tigers are prepping for 4-2 Washburn... A player who's been on fire lately is Charles Tigner... The runningback turned receiver had another huge game against Pitt and coaches said even with such a loaded backfield, Tigner had to play somehow... And make plays he has, racking up 160 yards and two touchdowns against the Gorrillas.. He's just happy to be on the field... The tigers came into the season with Shaquille Cooper, Malik Thomas and Kenneth Ihome all battling for carries... It's a good problem to have instead of being frustrated by the lack of carries, Tigner found another way to get on the field... And the coaches love it.

10/13/16

The Tmp Monarchs volleyball team is 31-2, they're ranked 3rd in the latest state rankings and today they cruised in the first day of the MCL tournament... Monarchs hosting the tournament, they beat Ellis in two sets earlier in the day, second match against Plainville and the Monarchs did what they've done all season. Dominate... Tmp playing some unbelievable volleyball this year, here looks like a kill opportunity but she just gently drops it over the net... Monarchs cruise in two sets against Plainville... They went 2-0 in the opening day... Across town the Fort Hays volleyball team is also doing well this year... Tigers are 18-5, it's their best start under head coach Kurt Kohler and the team is enjoying the ride... The tigers are 4-4 in conference play and have a big test tomorrow against 10th ranked Central Oklahoma... It's also a chance for the tigers to show the rest of the country that they're the real deal..

10/18/16

For the first time since week two, the Fort Hays football team lost on Saturday... The tigers fell to Washburn this weekend, dropping them to 5-2 on the season... What's next is 4-3 Missouri Western and the team is doing all they can to put the Washburn loss behind them... The tigers need to have that mentality in a brutally tough MIAA

conference. Four teams are tied for third place but the team hasn't changed their expectations... With northwest Missouri undefeated and dominating as usual, coach brown knows the margin for error is tiny...

10/20/16

In seven games as the fort hays quarterback, jacob mezera has proved he belongs at the college level. He's lead the tigers to a 5-2 record but it wasn't always this easy... It took a few games for the offense to find its rythem but they've been on fire lately... It helps when your qb is his own harshest critic... It was on full display after his record setting game against pitt state where he set the single game mark for total offense in a game. His response? His performance showed he belonged but he swears he didnt' even know it was happening... It wasn't a one time thing, mezera lands in the miaa top five in almost every quarterback category... He's found a new home with the tigers and knows what type a leader he wants to be.

10/24/16

It's a busy week for high school sports. We've got regional soccer, football playoffs and finally state volleyball this weekend... But we'll start in hays where both boys teams hosted play in games... Hays and el dorado, winner advances to tomorrow's game against winfield and this one wasn't even a game... Early on it's ethan nunnery off the cross, uses his head and finds the net! More on him in a second... Still in the first it's nunnery on the break, nice little tap pass to zachary wagner who finds the back of the net... Indians just getting started... Off the ricochet it's nunnery again, this time with the left foot he rockets this one in! Nunnery had a hatrick after 15 minutes and hays lead 6-0... Finally it's nunnery again, off the tap he scores again! Nunnery finished with five goals and broke the hays high scoring record... Indians won 12-0 and play winfield tomorrow... Across town it's tmp and berean academy... Monarchs scored early and then in the second half got a chance to add to their lead... Martin hernandez hits the penalty shot and the monarchs win 2-0... They face top seeded mcpherson tomorrow but the team said they're finally hitting their stride... Now to high school football... Garden city won the vac title on friday in an insane game that came down to the final play in overtime. After missing a field goal to win the game, they opened overtime with a score and stopped great bend...

10/25/16

The fort hays tigers bounced back from their loss to washburn with a comanding victory over missouri western... This week the tigers face 10th ranked emporia state in a battle for second place in the miaa... Luckily the tigers senior class won't let them make that mistake.. The tigers defense ranks 2nd in the miaa and their leader sie doe junior also knows they have to keep it light... The tigers need a win against emporia to keep their postseason dreams alive, before hosting top ranked northwest missouri in a two week period that will determine their fate...

10/27/16

Some special Thursday night football tonight... Tmp and Norton in the final game of the regular season with a spot in the playoffs on the line... Norton comes in the heavy favorite... And right off the bat, Jace ruder takes it himself, rushes in for a touchdown and the Bluejays are out to a 7-0 lead... Later in the first it's ruder again, fakes the handoff, scrambles to the right and he's able to get to the outside and scampers in for another touchdown! We know he's got a cannon of an arm but tonight showing he can run too....

Still in the first, ruder keeps it again and he busts this one for a huge run... Norton looking like the team everyone expected before the season... They lead 35-0 to nothing at the half and cruised to a season saving victory and a spot in the playoffs! Tmp finishes the year with two losses... Switching over to fort hays, the tigers getting ready for their own must win game against emporia state... one player who's had a break out year is freshman Layne Bieberle who's quickly learned how to deal with the pressure... Bieberle was a star 8 man player at central plains and said beating the other Kansas teams in the MIAA is a little sweeter...

10/31/16

Busy weekend in hays as the class 1a volleyball state tournament wrapped up on Saturday... First up Axtell stormed through the competition, en route to their first ever volleyball state title... Facing the class 1a division 2 defending state champs Wheatland Grinnell, Axtell fought back from a 24-21 deficit to score five straight points and win the final in two sets to cap off a memorable season. The team knew how important a state title would be for the school... Later it was division one and a familiar face. Centralia lost in last year's state finals and the panthers got revenge, beating Hanover in two sets. After one of their key players went down early in the season, the team didn't give up,

they actually started playing looser... It was coach tennal's 701 career win, but he said he had other things on his mind...

11/2/16

The fort hays tigers have their last home game of the season this Saturday against the number one team in the nation, northwest Missouri State but the tigers aren't backing down from the challenge... The tigers loss to emporia all but knocked them out of playoff contention but head coach Chris brown said the season is far from over... Brown's turned the tigers into a legit threat and said northwest is the gold standard in the miaa...

11/7/16

There's just a couple more weeks of high school football and over the weekend area teams kept their state title hopes alive! First up great bend took on Andover and the panthers got revenge on their former head coach, now with Andover, making the win just a little bit sweeter... Next up Hoisington kept its perfect season alive, beating Norton 20-0... Early in the first quarter senior hunter Hanzlick left the game in an ambulance and his teammates knew they had to win for him...

11/9/16

Saturday's loss to top ranked northwest Missouri ended the tigers playoff chances but it also gave the team confidence that they could play with the best in the country... Holding northwest to a season low 28 points... That confidence has carried over into this week... The tigers have lost two in a row but with Nebraska Kearny coming up this Saturday, the tigers haven't given up on playing more football... Last year the tigers made the post season for the first time in 20 years and if they're able to make the mineral water bowl this year, it will be another step in the right direction for brown and the program who have changed the expectations in hays...

11/10/16

It's hard to believe that it's already basketball season but we're less than 24 hours away from the start of the fort hays tigers season... Last year the tigers went 25-6, skyrocketing to first in the nation for the first time in program history! This year's team has a new look. Beth bohoslavsky, Paige lunsford, Chelsea mason and ellie stein all graduated and were a huge part of the tigers success... Seniors Jill faxon and Nicki kakperska have shouldered much of that responsibility along with Taylor chandler but think other players will step up... The tigers have won 20 games in five straight seasons and were picked to finish 4th in the miaa preseason poll, something the players use as motivation... This is coach Hobson's ninth year at the helm and he views the rankings a little differently... With the season just hours away, the seniors are soaking in every minute.

11/15/16

For the second straight season the fort hays tigers are in the postseason... The tigers wrapped up the regular season 7-4 and will play eastern New Mexico in the champ's heart of Texas bowl... Yesterday, head coach Chris brown held a team meeting and said he didn't tell the players the news immediately... The tigers took care of business on Saturday, beating Nebraska Kearney without starting quarterback Jacob Mezera... Brown said there's a possibility that Mezera will play in the December third game... After making the post season for the first time 20 years, the tigers made program history by making it to the postseason in back to back years... It showed on the field and the miaa took notice. The tigers had 14 players on the 2016 all-miaa team released today... Sie doe jr, raheeme dumas and shaquille cooper were named to the first team... Sie doe jr also took home the miaa defensive player of the year award...

11/16/16

The fort hays women's soccer team is headed to the suit sixteen! The tigers won their first ever ncaa tournament game last week, and added another on Sunday... Now they'll try to make it three on Friday against central Missouri... And the team is just enjoying the ride... The tigers set a program record with their 15th win last week, and this year's tigers also happen to be best friends... It's the second time in the tigers short existence that they've made the ncaa tournament but the team knows central Missouri will be a tough test...

11/17/16

Fort hays is hosting the ncaa men's soccer tournament for the first time in program history... Tomorrow the top ranked tigers take on Lindenwold in the central regional championship... The tigers have made the ncaa tournament in five straight years and have won the central regional title the last two years... But still the team is excited to be

back... The tigers advanced to the super regionals each of the last two years but fell both times... With their sights once again on the final four... Coach Parker said this year's team has been special... The tigers are 13-4-1 and ended the season blazing hot... Fort Hays is 11-2 in their final thirteen matches, outscoring opponents 42-11... But the team said winning this weekend is the only thing that matters...

11/21/16

The Fort Hays men's soccer team lost in a nailbiting NCAA quarterfinal game against Rockhurst Sunday... It was the third straight year the tigers were knocked out in the quarterfinals... Early on Rockhurst with a penalty kick, this one perfectly placed for the header but tigers goalie Michael Yantz with a beautiful save to keep the ball out of the goal! Later it's Maurizio Costa off the left foot, just barely misses the corner of the goal... That was the story for the tigers... Later it's Derick Gonzalez with a huge kick, this one goes off the cross bar... Fort Hays had opportunities this game... Later it's Kaleb Jackson with the chip over the keeper... Ball bounces in and the Hawks take a 1- nothing lead in the 48th minute... Tigers still fighting, Gonzalez again with a huge boot, this time goalie Logan Feldmann able to dive in front... Feldmann was unbelievable in the goalie spot... Desperation time for the tigers, ball gets lofted in and Feldmann can't hang on, looks like the tigers might capitalize but Feldmann comes up with another! Huge save... And the tigers hang on 1-0...

11/28/16

It's hard to believe that high school football is done but this Saturday Plainville and Troy battled in the class 2-1a state championship game. The Trojans narrowly escaping with a 28-24 win, the school's first ever state title... For Plainville, it was the first state championship appearance since 1985 and leading up to the game the team couldn't hold in their excitement... Once they took the field they didn't miss a beat, senior Hayden Friend was amazing all season long and he put on a show in the final, taking a kickoff all the way back, hurdling a defender and sending the Plainville faithful into a frenzy... Another big time player was senior Riley Nyp, playing on an injured ankle he sucked up the pain and barreled through the Trojans defense just like he did all season long... The Cardinals were 3-6 last year and shocked many by opening up this season with two huge wins against heavily favored Norton and Smith Center... After that they went on a tear, finishing the season 11-2 as the class 2-1a runner up... Coach Stephenson said the fact that the team left it all out on the field made the championship loss easier to take... He said the entire town of Plainville showed support even after the loss and the team has one goal for next year. Get back to Fort Hays...

11/29/16

Last year the Tmp Lady Monarchs went 23-3, making to the 3a state championship where they finished third... And with the season just a few days away, the Monarchs said they want to pick up right where they left off... The Monarchs returned four of their five starters from last year and this core group has been playing together for years... Junior Kayla Vitztum is coming off a massive sophomore season where she averaged 14 and a half points and 7 rebounds and was named to the Kansas all state 2nd team... She's joined by sharpshooters Koerner and Koenigsman along with Katelyn Zimmerman.

12/1/16

High school hoops is finally back. The annual Hays City Shootout started today with some great competition... Manhattan wins 65-50... They are the defending city shoot out champions... We'll take you straight to the Hays girls and Garden City game... Great move by Savannah Schneider to blow by her defender and go baseline for the bucket! Indians were on fire today, they cruised 52-34... Now to the final game of the night, Hays and Garden City. This one was fun, early on Ethan Nunner off the inbounds to Shane Barrons with the soft touch! This Indians team has a ton of weapons... Later it's Nunner Cole Murphy, the classic give and go, Murphy right back to Nunnery who pulls up from Steph Curry range. Nothing but net from the junior... Then it's the newest Indian, transfer Claiborne Kyles showing why so many in Hays are excited about his potential, blows by his defender then takes the hit and still finishes! Kyles and Nunnery are a dangerous back court... Again it's Kyles this time showing his speed, the nice move to avoid contact and again finishes the tough shot! A packed house for the Indians first game, these fans got loud! But Garden City kept it close, Carlos Acosta gets the nice pass and he pops it from beyond the arc. Bingo, nothing but net as the Buffaloes battled the Indians... Ultimately, Nunnery and the Indians too much to handle, they won 66-58 and face Tmp tomorrow in the semifinals...

12/5/16

On Saturday, Hays senior Shane Berens hit one of the most ridiculous buzzer beaters you'll ever see... Now since then it seems that the basket shouldn't have counted but on Saturday it did and it won the Hays City Shootout for the Indians... We'll take you there, Manhattan and Hays playing in the championship final... This game went back and forth, Manhattan guard Hudgins drains a three pointer with less than two minutes left to tie the game 49-49.... Hays senior Claiborne Kyle then dribbles out the clock, gets trapped in the corner so he passes to Tyrese Hill who instantly flings it across the court to Shane Berens... Berens then pump faked, sending his defender flying. Took a dribble and fired up a potentially game winning three... Then, like every middle school coach yells, Berens followed his shot. Grabbing the rebound and tossing up a ridiculous heave from behind the basket... It went in... Sending the Hays fans into a frenzy as they stormed the court.... Like we said, because it passed over the back corner of the backboard, it probably shouldn't have counted and the game would have gone to overtime. However, it counted on Saturday night and won't be forgotten soon... Earlier in the day the Tmp Lady Monarchs made the tournament final for the first time under head coach Rose McFarland... The Monarchs battled defending champs Manhattan in a great title game... Megan Koenigsman played great, here off a tipped pass she leads the break, dishing it to Madison Kerner for the perfect fast break score... The Monarchs fell to Manhattan but were in high spirits after the game...

12/14/16

Busy night of hoops at the Gross Memorial Colosseum as the Fort Hays Tiger's hosted Tabor and Bethel College... First up the women's team, they've been on a roll lately and they kept it going early... Jill Faxon dribbling the ball up the court, she finds freshman Kacey Kennett in the corner, she is one talented freshman... Goes baseline for the nice layup... Still in the first it's Taylor Chandler, she flings the ball across the court, finds Kennet in the corner, this time the freshman spots up... Nothing but net! Again, tigers get the rebound and guess who?? Kennet top of the key... You can finish this sentence. She bangs home another triple... Tigers cruise 71-38 and the seniors are impressed with what they're seeing with the younger players... Eleven games in, there's still a lot to learn... Cool moment after the game as the team watched the unveiling of last year's regional championship banners... But now back to the season at hand... Fort Hays men's team hosting Bethel, early on Rob Davis finds Aaron Nicholson who spots up from way down town. He buries the deep three! Then it's Bethel's Devin Goodwin driving, he takes the contact and flings up a crazy shot. Somehow it hits the backboard and goes in! Bethel hanging with the tigers... But later Nicholson finds a cutting Davis for the easy layup! Davis is having an unbelievable senior year... Again Davis from the top of the key, misses the three pointer but Hadley Gillum is there to clean it up with the strong follow... Bethel cut the lead to five at the half but the tigers exploded in the second half, cruising to a \_\_\_\_\_ win, they are now 7-4 on the season...

12/21/16

The Fort Hays women's basketball team is 10-2 heading into the holiday break... The tigers are second in the MIAA in scoring, and a big reason for their early offensive success is that so many players are contributing... Jill Faxon leads the tigers averaging just over 11 points per game, but recently she's focused on rebounding to break out of a shooting slump... The tigers have a balanced scoring attack, after Faxon, Tatyana Legette, Kacey Kennit and Nicky Kakperska all average between 9-10 points... Kennit's and Legette are two of the underclassmen playing big minutes for the tigers... And that's part of what makes the team so good... It seems the players have picked up on it, in her last two games Kennit dropped 13 against Tabor and 11 against Midland but said she's still finding her rhythm... The tigers are riding a four game win streak heading into the break... But said they won't slack off during the holidays...

12/22/16

The Hays girls' basketball team is off to a 4-1 start... The Lady Indians are 10th in the latest 4A Division 1 rankings, cracking the list for the first time since 2012.... Hays started the season in the Hays City Shootout where in the semifinals they faced a loaded Tmp Monarchs team currently ranked 2nd in the latest kbca rankings... The Indians held their own against the heavily favored Monarchs, keeping it close until the end. Hays ended up finishing third at the tournament...

12/23/16

The Tmp Lady Monarchs are off to a 5-1 start this season... The team's ranked second in the most recent 3A rankings and are playing some great basketball this year... The Lady Monarchs returned almost their entire starting five and it's showed on the court. Last week Tmp jumped out to a 23-6 lead after one quarter against Oakley, and it's common that the Monarchs will put the game out of reach by halftime....and the starters will sit for much of the second.. Something to watch for in January is the addition of a few new players who couldn't play at the beginning of the season because of transfer rules... Kayla Vitstum, Megan Koenigsman and Maddison Kerner... Along with the other players all can score and create their own shots, causing nightmares for opponents...

12/27/16

Happy holidays to everyone, it's hard to believe but there's just a few more days of 2016... So we decided to run through a few of the top plays from 2016 so far... First up it's the fort hays football team, Jacob Mezera back to pass, he finds running back Shaq cooper in the flat, uh oh, Shaq hits the defender with the juke! 34 can't find cooper and cooper sprints his way into the end zone... Oh man let's see that again... Mezera drops back, finds cooper... Then it looks like Shaq hit the defender with the freeze ray! Cooper wrapped up his fort hays career this season and wants to continue in the NFL... Now moving to high school basketball, just a few weeks ago... Ness city's john pfannenstiel with the ball, he penetrates and lofts up a perfect ball to chandler Stiawalt for the beautiful allyoop! The track star showing his jumping ability and the eagle's fans are loving it! Let's do it one more time just for kicks... Slowing it down for you, the penetration, the lob and the incredible finish! Ness city is a team to watch in 2017... Now going back to football, it's the class 2a state championship between Plainville and troy... Just after a huge touchdown by troy, Plainville's Hayden friend fields the kickoff off the bounce, jukes once, gets to the outside, hops over a player, and then he's striding out! Friend putting on the jets! Once he starts going no one can catch him! Plainville wraps up a historic season, getting back to the state championship game for the first time since 1985... Finally it's the play of the year so far... Hays and Manhattan in the hays city shootout final, game tied at 49... Indians Claiborne Kyles with the ball, gets trapped in the corner, dumps it off, quick pass across court to Shane Berends who pump fakes, tries the game winning three pointer, doesn't go but he follows his shot and hurls up a prayer from behind the basket and it drops!!!! Indians fans stormed the court! Did i miss any plays?? If you've got an idea for a play of the year send me an email or find me on twitter at kwchgardner...