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### COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/01/09**

**10pm**

It is probably safe to say that the Larks from the beginning of the season are not the Larks right now. No poundings or home run balls like missiles to win games. But small ball and Smart base running. And now solid pitching is leading the way. Armed forces night at Larks Park with American flags all over the place and Coach Harper helped out. Way up on top of the fence. Kids don't try this at home. Nice work coach. To the action with Eddie Carl on the mound. Held a no hitter for three innings against the Bee Jays. Runners on for Joe Hugher. Sends a chopper to short. But when Turner comes home from third. One, nothing. Into the third inning with Jason Morriss on second base. Cody Harshman sends a shot to center. Morriss comes in. Beats the throw and the Larks go up 2-0 on Liberal. Larks would take a 3-1 lead into 8th inning. With all the new players from all over the country coming in thru out the season, it's nice to see a local guy joining up with the Larks. Current Tiger and former Indian Greg Bieker joined the team this week from Madison Wisconsin where he was playing with the NBC team up there. Bieker is happy to be home in front of his home town fans. Remember to keep sending in your sports stories and scores to the station. In Hays tonight. I'm Grant Meech.

**07/02/09**

**10pm**

You might have noticed that this year's Larks team has taken on an international flair. And while names like Valenzuela and Devero might stick out at you, it's Aussie Jason Morriss that puts Hays on a different map. In his first season with the Larks, Morriss joins the team from Angelo state by way of Brisbane Australia. Jason has been playing baseball all his life and surprisingly comes from a baseball family. So it was a natural progression for Jason to pick baseball over other sports like cricket or rugby. It was all about passion. Jason isn't the only one of his kind. For those who watched the world baseball classic, you might have been surprised to see team Australia but not Jason. The team he plays for are currently on a nice little three game winning streak and carrying a lot of momentum into this weekend's series with derby on the road. And carrying a lot of confidence will be Eddie Carl. The pitcher from New Mexico went 8 innings last night against the Beejays, surrendering 8 hits but only one run on five strikeouts. Improving his ERA to below 2. Larks are sitting three games above five hundred. Basketball season always seems to be around in Kansas. And tiger fans will get a chance to see the men go up against k-u next season. Unfortunately they will need to make the trek to Lawrence to do so. Tigers released their schedule this week and you can add Frank Martin and company to that list too. The tigers will travel to Manhattan December first. And that game counts. Followed by a trip to Omaha to open up m-I-double a play. And finishing the regular season at home with Emporia state. Be looking forward to that. In Hays tonight. I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/06/09**

**10pm**

He looks like a baseball player, walks, talks and throws like one too. But you wouldn't automatically assume that. It doesn't immediately jump out at you until you look at his glove or the tag on his bag, but the Larks second baseman isn't from around here. Actually, isn't from this country. Jason Morriss hails from Brisbane Australia, and is one of the best players in one of the most American of sports. But that shouldn't shock you because he has been playing baseball all his life. When I was younger I gave all those sports a go. I played a bit of soccer and cricket and stuff like that, but I didn't find the passion I did playing baseball. Jason actually comes from a baseball family; his father was the former coach of the Australian national team and a scout for the padres and diamondbacks. Grandpa was actually the head of Australian baseball back in the 80's... so my whole family has been in it. He landed in Hays from Angelo state in Texas, but before his arrival in the states, Jason was a member of the Australian national team, quieting the naysayers in his home country. I've been to Hong Kong, Taiwan a few times, it's taken me all around the place, so it's something I definitely don't regret doing, definitely look back on it and be very grateful for what I've done. It's no secret that Hays is not an international city, so what happens when Jason's undeniable accent comes out? Usually brings a big smile to their faces but the best is when I go to outback, they always have a good time there. But what about the stereotypes? No one drinks fosters and everyone thinks we all live in the outback with our pet kangaroos, and you can have some fun with some people but not really true. And the language barrier? You learn to slow yourself down a bit so people can understand you... go out to restaurants and you end up pointing to the menu or something like that it gets old pretty quick, so you learn to adjust pretty easily. But the easiest thing to translate is the baseball. In Hays, Grant Meech Eyewitness Sports.

**07/07/09**

**10pm**

Something else was blowing up over Fourth of July weekend other than fireworks. That was the Larks winning record in Derby. Heading into the weekend with the Twins, the Larks were three games above five hundred with eleven wins, but Derby took two of three and the Larks now sit two games up, facing Dodge Tuesday night. Eddie Carl getting the nod for the Larks, looking solid early on until this, Zach Atkins... With a hit up third base, brings a run around from second to score and the A's go up 1 in the first. Larks had their chances to really put Dodge down with the bases loaded but Rafael Valenzuela pops up to short right and leave them stranded into the fourth inning and Sean Wilson on second base, goes to steal third. Looks out but ump calls him safe and the argument ensues. No hats were stomped or bases thrown but we are sure unpleasantries were said. Next play, Jermaine Berksdale throws a wild one, and Wilson scores on a pass ball, Larks tie it up 1-1. Still in the fourth, with the bases loaded, and another walk Goulder comes in Larks go up 2-1. They would add a few more runs later on and go on to beat the A's. But the A's would grab a few more runs later on and come back on the Larks, with this win the Larks go back to three games above five hundred, 13-10, and head to Dodge Wednesday for an away game there. First pitch is set for 7 remember when Shaquille O'Neal slammed a dunk home and shattered the backboard, spraying glass all over the floor. He doesn't get the chance to do that anymore thanks to Dorrance Ownken Mahoney... And now everyone in Kansas will get to know the man when he is inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. Mahoney helped develop the snap back rims for the NBA to prevent the rims from shattering. He also invented tossback, a training device that is used at all levels of basketball. He will be joining Phillipsburg's John Mason, a prep track star and at Fort Hays State. Mason was an 8-time all American in track and cross country and ran 31 sub four minute miles. The induction will take place in October in Wichita. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/08/09**

**10pm**

Larks are trying to get out of Dodge Wednesday with a sweep of the A's, and keep the winning record going in the Jayhawk League Conference, now sitting one game above five hundred. Helping the winning going is Eddie Carl, arguably the number one pitcher on the staff, went six innings Tuesday, surrendering only one run and keeping his ERA at 1 point seven three. Andrew Heck is right behind him at just under two. No question it is hot outside so let's think about something indoors. Tiger volleyball doesn't hit camp for another three weeks but the girls have still been working out and trying to work on changing their losing mentality. And new coach Kurt Kohler is making that a priority for 2009. First game is next month. Tiger football is also working on changing their attitude. And maybe a little competition will help that. Quarterback Mike Garrison is healthy and ready for 2009 but it won't be his job guaranteed. Transfer Blake Mc Aaron could challenge for the job outright Something Verdugo is looking forward to. Practice is less than a month away. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/10/09**

**10pm**

Larks were on a nice little three game winning streak and the defense has really been shutting the batters down lately. A lot of that can be traced to our tip of the week at second base - learning how to turn a double play. Larks hit the field Saturday against the Colorado Sox. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/13/09**

**10pm**

What did you do Sunday? I know what the Larks did. They wound up almost playing two whole games on what was supposed to be a single game cap to the three game series. But a solo home run in the bottom of the ninth sent it to extra innings. The Sox were up 3-1 with Sean Wilson on third base. Chase Schippers brings him home on a hit to left field. Now they're down two. In the same inning, Jason Morriss rips a shot to shortstop. The throw is high and it looks like Morris beats the tag. But the umpire says no which brings in fan favorite assistant coach Dusty Washburn. He didn't win, but it was a good fight. Kenny Toves came in the fifth inning to start cleaning things up. With three innings pitched, there were no runs on one hit. So now to the ninth inning tied up at 3, Chase Schippers to win the game. Ah no - strikes out. So to extra innings now, Kyle Peterson comes in to keep the Sox at bay. With three innings pitched, there were no runs on only two hits. To the twelfth inning and Hays own Greg Bieker gets a hold of one over the left field wall. It went way back over the fence but it falls foul. He would strike out later. Now to the fourteenth inning, Andrew Heck comes in to keep the Sox dirty. And now to the bottom of the ninth, Josh Garcia is on first. Sean Wilson sends a shot into center. Garcia comes around second into third. The throw is wide. The throw back to second is high and Garcia comes home. Four hours later and the Larks win 4-3. Larks extend the winning streak to six games now. We'll head back to El Dorado Tuesday. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/14/09**

**10pm**

The Larks are arguably one of the hottest teams in the Jayhawk league right now and why shouldn't they be riding a six game winning streak into this week's series with El Dorado. But they better not sit back on their haunches because they well they stink against El Dorado. Summer time is rodeo time and Ellis County is no different. The county fair opens up this week and the rodeo comes out of the shoot. Finally tonight the tigers will miss a familiar face on the sidelines next fall as head trainer Brian Razak is leaving Hays for the same position at the University of New England in Maine. Remember to keep going to catch it Kansas dot com for all your summer sports news. In Hays I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/15/09**

**10pm**

The losing streak continues for the Larks against El Dorado. A five nothing blanking at the hands of the Broncos left the Larks only one game above five hundred in the Jayhawk League conference. Surprisingly, Eddie Carl suffered the loss Tuesday night giving up five runs on nine hits in six innings pitched sending his e-r-a up above 2. Larks return home on Saturday against Dodge. As a first year head coach, Chas Thompson made some steady strides at the helm of tiger wrestling finishing the season ranked 19th nationally. And he will look improve that mark with the addition of five signees. Thompson announced Wednesday the addition of five new tigers - one junior college transfer and four from high school including Ellsworth's Steve Kyle. The two time 215-pound state champion went undefeated his senior year and was named 2009 3-2-1 A senior wrestler of the year. Thompson said don't be surprised if you see Kyler in the lineup as a freshman. The other four signees are Jesse Gantz, a one hundred forty pounder from Stafford, Kansas, one hundred and forty nine pounder Mitchell Means from Goddard, Kansas, Josh Martinez from Amarillo, Texas and Chance Rencounte, a one hundred and ninety seven pound junior college transfer from Labette Community College hailing from Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Thompson said he loved Chances heart and desire on the mat and his work ethic. It is still rodeo time for at least one more night at the Ellis County rodeo. If you were lucky enough to make it out early, you might have had a chance to see the mutton busting competition. Arena director tony Kreezek explains. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/16/09**

**10pm**

(waiting on script from Grant)

**07/17/09**

**10pm**

Here was nothing better to do than to come and crash combines in Hays, Kansas! They aren't pretty, they aren't shiny or in most cases clean, nothing special about it, and as most people will tell you, they aren't fast. But for one night, these old farm combines will have their day in the sun, or in this case, the mud at the Combine Demolition Derby. These farmers, truck drivers, diesel mechanic, work in the parts department. From all over Kansas - Shinshin, Salina, Abilene, Hays people have come to Hays for the chance to smash some metal together for a little glory in the mud. But it begs the question. Why would anyone want to smash old farm equipment? Just to blow off some steam from the week and all the work you put into them, get everybody together and have a little fun for one night. We work on this stuff all day long, everyday, it's kind of fun to do something once in a while, we don't have to worry about getting it done right! But really? Adrenaline rush! So the drivers hold a quick meeting before the derby to discuss heats and safety, then climb into their rigs, warm the engines up and head over to the mud pit, get a couple warm up laps in, sizing each other up before the green flag drops. The rules are simple, smash your combine into someone else's and the last one standing is the winner. The strategy, well that's open for debate. Takes out the tires, try and bite ankles because I am a smaller machine, got for whoever's in your row and get after them, guess hit them hard and see what we can do. Strategy might be difficult to enact in the thick mud, especially with a blown tire, but somehow they figure it out. While the drivers enjoy the most unusual thrill ride, the huge crowd gets a kick out of it too. And while the sun might have gone down on the machines farming careers, they got a chance at mud covered glory under the spotlights. And if you needed the ultimate reason why these guys do what they do, at least for one night, do you even need to ask? Cuz it's fun. In Hays, Grant Meech eyewitness sports.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/20/09**

**10pm**

Only eight games left for the Larks to secure their spot in the NBC World Series next month and with El Dorado and Derby leading the Jayhawk League conference, splitting a series with lowly Dodge isn't going to help things. In the final game of the two game home series there was lots of scoring early on - already 5-2 in the first. Into the third we go and the Larks with runners on looking to cut the lead but a ground out to first kills the momentum. Same inning, one on for the A's a shot goes into the right corner. Beeker can't get to it and a runner comes around for an RBI. Up 6-2 on the Larks. Same frame with runners on and this one will hurt. Fly ball going back to the wall and that is a three run homer for Dodge putting them up 7 on the Larks and they would go on to win 12-8. So the Larks are in Liberal tonight against the Beejays, first game of a two game series, trying to stay one game above five hundred in Jayhawk League conference. Larks host Derby on Thursday. A couple days after Hays senior legion warms up for post season play, Hays hosting the class triple A zone seven tournament Tuesday. Hays will play Dodge at Larks park. Game time is set for 4 p.m. Great Bend legion will play McPherson prior to that. Game time is set for 1 on the ball game. Great Bend takes the top seed in that tournament. Championship game is set for Thursday at 10 a.m. The winner advances to the state tournament next week in Pittsburg. And that will do it for me tonight. Remember to keep heading to Catch it Kansas dot com for all your high school and summer sports news. In Hays tonight... I'm Grant Meech.

**07/21/09**

**10pm**

Summer time and baseball the two go hand in hand with teams in town for the senior legion tournament at Larks Park Tuesday. Hosts of the tournament were Hays vs. Dodge City. Hays was up 2-1 in the sixth inning - the Rangers taking advantage of Jess Hart on the mound. A short blooper into center field brings in a run for Dodge. Now tied at 2 in the same inning, a shot sent right thru first base. Willhoft can't field it and it brings in another run for Dodge and they take the lead 3-2. And that would do it for Jesse Hart. Now into the eighth inning, Rangers with two runners on base and Kelton Rule comes in for Hart and he is going to want this pitch back. A huge high fly ball into left field bounces off the wall for a two run RBI. Dodge is now up 5-2. So now to the bottom of the eighth, Eagles with two runners on and Rule will get his revenge. Rule going yard over the right field fence opposite field. Three run home run all tied up now at 5... And he is pumped! Two batters later and the Eagles would end it right here. James Budke with a solo home run over the left field fence, to take the win 6-5 and they advance to the championship game on Thursday. So now to McPherson and Great Bend, with McPherson up 4-0 in the sixth inning, Great Bend mounts the comeback with a hit thru short. They bring in a run now 4-1. So now the Chiefs load the bases. A single would bring in runs for Great Bend, but he strikes out. McPherson saves the inning. Now into the seventh, a short fly ball to right field, but they can't field it for an RBI now 5-1. In the same inning, runners on second, and a hit thru short stop for McPherson bring in another run. Now they're up 6-1 and they would go on to an 11-1 win. They will play Hays Thursday. They'll return home for Derby on Thursday night. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/22/09**

**10pm**

Senior legion tournament continues to roll on in Hays Wednesday with the hosts already making a strong move to get back to the state tournament this year. The Eagles riding high after coming back on Dodge City Tuesday on back to back home runs in the eighth inning. Getting everything of McPherson – 14 nothing in the second inning! Whoa! Same inning and they want to add to it. A chopper to third. Kaus trying to beat it out but the run scores anyway... 15-0. McPherson gets out of the inning with a Jay Sanders pop fly. McPherson is just trying to stop the bleeding at this point. Now in the fourth inning, a shot sent thru short stop, Kelton Rule can't field it and the run comes in 15-1. Look at the relief on his face. But Hays would roll 15-1 is your final. They play the championship game Thursday at 4. The Eagles will play a little bit before the Larks return home for a Jayhawk League matchup with second place Derby. Hays are now in fourth place in the standings after falling to Liberal Wednesday in extra innings. The Larks are now 19-14 and most importantly 12-13 in the league. Liberal takes sole possession of third place. Game time Thursday is set for 7 p.m. Tiger football won't open camp for another three weeks or so but Coach Verdugo will have his eye on Jordan Ottley at the Kansas Shrine Bowl this weekend in Wichita. Ottley, along with most notably Marshall Musil and Justin Nixon of Smith Center, are getting ready for the 36th annual matchup. Great Bend's Bo Black will lead the west squad against the east. Black will also be coaching one of his own in Aron Elsen. Kickoff is set for 7 at Cessna Stadium. Former Smith Center great Joe Windsheffel will sit out this football season with a broken arm after a zebra attack in Lawrence Wednesday. The current Pitt State Gorilla was helping friends paint a fence and needed to move the zebras when they bit him. He suffered a compound fracture. In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/23/09**

**10pm**

The Larks start their seven night home stand Thursday against Derby and it's easy to see why the Twins are leading the league right now. And it all starts on defense - mainly pitching - as we almost, almost saw perfection at Larks Park. Derby jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first behind Kirby Saint John. The right hander from San Diego was lights out against the Larks. A strike out here and another here, Saint John was keeping the perfect game alive and well. In the fifth inning, Eric Sim is on base for Derby. He tries to steal second and looks out but ump says no and controversy ensues. Goulder would get redemption later. Still keeping the pressure on but everyman Andrew Heck would rob them of an RBI here - what a great catch. Watch it again... Nice work... The bats stayed cold at the plate against Saint John. He really had the stuff Thursday. In the sixth inning, Saint John gets into a jam and gives up the walk to Rick Devero. Bye-bye perfect game. A few batters later and Heck breaks open the defense. With a hit right up Main Street, Devero comes around for an RBI and the Larks are within one. Saint John would go 7 and one third innings and one hit and one error. Nice work. But the Larks would tie it up in the bottom of the ninth and take the win 3-2. Larks would tie it up in the bottom of the ninth but Derby would take the win in extra innings... 3-2. The Eagles will be leaving town this weekend for Pittsburg as they head back to the state tournament in Pittsburg. Hays Legion defeated McPherson 21-4 Wednesday to advance. More information as the week rolls on. Preparations continue for Bo Blacks west squad for the 36th annual Shrine Bowl this weekend in Wichita. Black will release the starting lineup Thursday for the weekend. Great Bend's Aron Elsen will get the start at guard on offense. The most fan favorites will be on defense. Jordan Ottley got the nod at cornerback opposite Dorrian Roberts and Marshall Musil getting the start at safety surprisingly. The west will go for four in a row against the east, Saturday at 7. In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/24/09**

**10pm**

The question is how the Larks would respond on Friday after coming from behind for a late rally win and after knocking history off of the mound during the whole process, all while trying to further their chances at a nice placing at the NBC World Series, sounds easy enough? We'll see. Derby up 2-0 in the fourth with Jason Morris on second. Rick Devero sends a high one out to the fence in the gap. Jason Morriss comes around from second gets held up at third, saying he got interfered with on the base path. Coach Leo argues the case but no dice. No worries though, Codi Harshman brings them home with a sac fly to right field, Morriss scores from third, and the throw to third is high, and Devero comes home. Ties it up at, looking for a score on that one. Larks will continue the series through the weekend. Final preparations for the Shrine Bowl today in Salina. The west squad going for four in a row against the east, starting lineups released yesterday and it looks like the west is primed for another chance against the east. This will be the last prep game for these prep studs and a chance to make some lifelong friends in a short amount of time. Game time is set for 7 pm on Saturday. Finally, there will be no back to back titles match play titles for Jeff Jarvis, the defending champion lost to Hutchinson's Sam Schulte in the opening round, while Hays's own Nick Von Lintel moved onto the second round defeating Caleb Childs. But Von Lintel would fall in the second round to Michael Gellerman of Sterling. Gellerman would lose in the championship to Hutchinson's Thane Ringler. One last Kansas Junior Golf event next weekend with the Kansas-Nebraska cup in Nebraska. Jarvis will play in that in his final KJGA event before heading to Topeka for fall season at Washburn. Jarvis stands at fourth in the player of the year race, Von Lintel at 11th. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/27/09**

**10pm**

What is up with the Larks? They have been on a huge run of success lately namely pulling a four game sweep of then second place Derby Twins when Rick Devero hit a walk off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday night. Coach Frank Leo reflects on their success he can only sit back and watch. Onto Monday night with the Midnight Sun Goldpanners all the way from Alaska! Weren't sure if the weather would allow the game rain was forecasted but this little guy was having fun. Looking good for the northerners early on, Kenny Toves delivers this ball to load the bases on a fourth walk. A few batters later a high fly ball to deep right field a sacrifice fly brings in the runner from third but Toves would get out of the inning. Only down one. Into the third inning now and the sun comes out just in time for the Larks. Ben Turner on base and Hays own Chase Schippers drives one thru second base and brings Turner around for an RBI. A few batters later with Sean Wilson on, Doug Dreher slaps a blooper to short left field and can't field it and Wilson would score, now 2-1 Larks. And the Larks would go on to win - their fifth straight win. But the Goldpanners would come back and take one from Hays. Over the weekend in Wichita, the west squad made history by winning the fourth straight against the east. Liberals Nate Davis scored a touchdown in the second quarter to take a 14-7 lead that they would never relinquish. Local favorites Marshall Musil, Jordan Ottley, and Zac Dreher had great games on defense. The west defense held the east to one hundred and 31 yards of total offense and Musil recorded six tackles, and one for loss. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/28/09**

**10pm**

If I was a Larks player, I would not want to be in this position right now. While they have a ton of momentum behind them one a five game winning streak facing last place dodge could be the spoiler for their push for an n-b-c bid. This time next year, if Ollie Goulder and Sean Wilson come back to Hays, they will be coming from two different places. The two Larks have signed to transfer to division one schools, Goulder to Western Carolina and Wilson is going to Gonzaga. Goulder says that he should see some playing time immediately with his new team. Wilson might have to wait a little while. In Kansas City today, the first round of the amateur match plays championships at Kansas City country club. Phillipsburg's Jeff Jarvis is tied for 24th with a three over 73. The leader is Andrew Storm at three under. One more day of stroke play before the match play starts on Thursday and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**07/29/09**

**10pm**

The boys of summer have almost met the end of summer. The Larks end their seven game home stand with Junction City Wednesday night on the verge of extending their longest winning streak of the season at 7. Dollar everything night at Larks... Everything must go... Larks wanted to get rid of the Generals. Jason Morriss on base and newly acquired and teammate Isaac Garcia brings him home on a shot almost hits Morriss on the hit and run for the RBI. Tied at 1. Second inning, Brandon Eckerle on second and Andrew Heck follows Garcia. The third baseman can't field it. Into left field Eckerle comes on home for the RBI. Larks take the lead against the Generals 2-1. Same frame, Rick Devero, Dukane teammate, does Heck a favor and rips one up the first base line. Heck strolls in for another run and Devero is in for a stand up double. Larks go up 3-1 and hang on for the win. This is 7 in a row for the Larks. Wichita here come the Larks! But the Generals come back on the Larks and spoil dollar everything night and snap the winning streak. But the Larks are still headed to Wichita for the World Series. This is a new Larks squad we have seen. Maybe it was something in the water, maybe they were tired of losing, but Coach Frank Leo says the catalyst for the success is simply coming home. Larks have scheduled a final 40th game Sunday at 5 against Valley Center then it is on to Wichita. Second round of the 99-th Amateur Match Play Championship in Kansas City, Phillipsburg's Jeff Jarvis will be coming back for the rodeo this weekend as he missed the cut shooting a 9 over 79 to miss the cut by one stroke at twelve over. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/30/09**

**10pm**

I think all the Larks should wear number seven from now on for their remarkable performance over these past few nights. Seven wins in a row all at home and the Larks punched their ticket to Wichita. Hays beat Junction City late in the game with a go ahead run to sink the Generals and grab their seventh victory. Grant Gillespie got the win after coming in to relieve Chris Larsen in the sixth. Coming home, playing non-stop and being tired of losing games late in the season had everything to do with this run of success. Larks will play Wednesday in Wichita opponent has yet to be slated but the Larks are headed back to the World Series. And as of right now, the Larks have scheduled a game with Valley Center for Sunday at 5. But it is still tentative, so stay tuned. School is starting right around the corner. Kids will be heading back to college and one community will have their firmly set on Washburn University where Phillipsburg's Jeff Jarvis will be coming this fall as the newest member of the golf team. Jeff is no doubt excited for practice to start but he is a little nervous to leave home. Jeff will play in the Kansas/Nebraska Cup next week in Nebraska then it is off to Washburn. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**07/31/09 - 08/09/09 (Grant off- no stories in AP/ENPS on these dates)**

**08/10/09**

**10pm**

Down in Wichita, the Larks are rolling on but still hanging on fighting off elimination today against Nevada with a 2-1 win to advance to tomorrow and to celebrate that win let's take a look at what helped the Larks stop Nevada with your tip of the week.  
(I EMAILED GRANT FOR PKG INFO))

**08/11/09**

**10pm**

His week is just like Christmas. Your birthday and the fourth of July put together for football fans as camps are opening up all over the country and the tigers are no different. Fort Hays and head coach Kevin Verdugo donned their helmets for two a day practices and ready for 2009. Also opening up this week is Tiger volleyball with a new team and a new coach in 2009. Enter Kurt Kohler to take over the lady Tigers and guide them back to victory. Kohler and the rest of the team were relieved to get back on the court after tumultuous off-season. But that's all over, time to play. Volleyball first game in Kearney at the end of the month and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**08/12/09**

Time to get offensive for the tigers, 2008's teams struggled, but the defense was the one bright spot. So, Coach Kevin Verdugo spent a lot of time revamping the offense in the off season and it looks like it is going to pay off. Speaking of more numbers, Tiger fans would have noticed that there were a whole lot more players at practice this week 21 players in all 9 new ones out to get the lady tigers winning again. Lady tigers open at Kearney, Nebraska at the end of the month. And that will do it for me tonight, in Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/13/09**

**10pm**

How about those Larks! Wow, what a comeback Wednesday for Hays, overcoming a seven run deficit in four innings to beat Crestview Illinois and keep advancing. And in a second tip of the week, Hilite's what helped them win. T defies the natural baseball swing, but when you hit it right, it sure looks sweet. Larks outfielder Cody Harshman breaks down hitting to the opposite field. The key thing in hitting to opposite field is to stay inside of the ball. On an inside pitch, you would come here, out in front to put it there on the outside pitch to keep your barrel above your hands. You want to let it get deep on the plate and you are probably going to catch on the back of the plate so letting the ball get deep. On an inside pitch you are catching it out in front. Outside pitch you are catching it back here, because to shoot it way to opposite field, if you can catch it out here, just like you are going to roll it over into a hole. I like to catch the ball on the top inside part of the ball because if you get here on the inside part of the ball you will shoot it right to opposite field. You really have to stay inside the ball. The main problem is, kids go like this on an inside pitch and it makes the ball flare out to right, flare to opposite field. But if you keep it on a line or on the ground, you really want to keep your hands above and keep the bat head above your hands. Only a few more days left at the NBC. Keep watching. In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/14/09**

**10pm**

The old mantra says that defense wins championships, and that was the real solid point for the Tigers in 2008. But with the absence of the defensive coordinator, how will the Black Swarm respond in the new season. Despite the Tigers nine losses last season, the defense was among the conference's best at home and away. But Sean Mannega is gone. Enter Kyle Nistrom, with a serious coaching resume, Northern Michigan. Michigan State and TCU. Coach Yerdugo says the defense is strong and hasn't missed a beat from one coach to another. Not surprising. The tigers are picked to finish at the bottom of the conference. Northwest Missouri State is tabbed to take the top and Pitt State at number two. A lot of people take stock in preseason polls but Coach Verdugo could care less. Not unlike their male counterparts, the Lady Tigers volleyball team will have an uphill battle in 2009. New Coach Kurt Kohler brings in nine new players to a squad that needs a confidence boost from last season. Tough break for the Larks Thursday night. Their season long nemesis El Dorado tossed them out of the World Series with a tie for fourth. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

((No stories in AP for Aug 15-17, Grant on vacation))

**08/18/09**

**10pm**

High school football practice has begun in Kansas and a lot of eyes are going to be on Hays High and whether Ryan Cornelsen can turn the Indians into the powerhouse he turned tiny Lacrosse into. Staying in Ellis County, the Rainers of Ellis began practice this week along the train tracks. Coach Butch Hayes lost a lot of senior leadership but returns the large junior class that led Ellis to the second round of the playoffs where they were bounced by Meade which didn't sit well with them. Ellis opens up with Atwood at home, followed by Oakley. Things continue to look up for Fort Hays football, seniors CJ Lovett and Wesley Yarborough were named to the preseason all MI double a list. Yarborough at offensive guard and Lovett nominated at two spots, defensive back and all purpose special teams. Tigers open the season at western state at the end of the month. That will do it for me tonight, in Hays I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**08/19/09**

**10pm**

Football previews are rolling on in Barton County. And if a lot of people are going to be looking at Hays this season. Even more eyes will be on Great Bend and whether Coach Bo Black can get the Panthers back to the top of the WAC. That number five on the back on their shirts is a reminder of a team goal they set to become the best tackling team in the state. But the main focus will be on the offense where Matt Dobratz returns for Great Bend. No hamstring problems, no hand cast; Coach Black says he is ready to go. Matt Hildebrand will take over at quarterback and try and bolster an offense that doesn't have much depth. The Panthers just installed a brand new scoreboard at the south end of Memorial Stadium. Installation is almost done but should be done in time for their first home game against Garden City. Still in Barton County, Hoisington began practice this week and with the most players Coach Lonnie Irvin has had in a long time. Over 50 kids were out for practice. The Cardinals are trying to improve upon a 7-3 record but would like to advance further in the playoffs in 2009. Hoisington opens the season at Holcomb. If you still think that baseball is only dominated by Americans, Jason Morriss probably changed your thinking. But ironically enough, the Aussie was so good that he earned All-American honors at the NBC World Series last week. Morriss was the only Lark to make the list, batting 2-96, two RBI's and one home run. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/20/09**

**10pm**

Have you ever eaten something that left a nasty taste in your mouth, but no matter what you did, you couldn't get rid of it? Ask Victoria football team. They've had a bad taste in their mouth for over nine months, ending their season in the 8-man title game to Hannover. But now they are trying to get rid of it in 2009. The Knights will revamp after losing Jordan Ottley, Brent Hoffman, and Blake Klaus, but Garrett Dreiling is still in uniform. Coach Doug Oberle will focus his attentions to the defense. He pulls no punches in admitting that defense was weak in 08 but shouldn't be in 2009. The Knights, who still have no logo on their helmets, open with Macksville at home on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Another team with a bad taste in their mouth is La Crosse. The Leopards go to Smith Center in the third round of the playoffs to end their undefeated season. La Crosse will have to replace a lot of talent, namely Marshall Musil and Jeremy Garcia, and new coach Jon Webster will fill the shoes of Ryan Cornelsen with the Leopards. They are not the same team as last year and Webster said success will be a total team effort. The Leopards will open the season at Larned next month. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/21/09**

**10pm**

Another fall, another football season and another happy time in Smith Center. Riding their now state record 67 game winning streak, the Redmen are primed to keep the streak alive. It is business as usual for the Redmen heading into 2009, a lot of fans in other towns wonder and sometimes worry about their team's upcoming season and who will fill what roles. But as long as Coach Barta is at the helm the fans don't worry too much. After thirty years, like I said it is just business as usual. The Redmen will still run the Barta bone that has been terrorizing opponents for years, no sense in changing what works. It was a red letter day in Smith Center Friday and not just because the players were in pads for the first time, but the Redmen's adopted son Joe Drape was in town to celebrate his book about the town and the team. The New York Times reporter and author chronicled last season's drive to the championship and the history of the team and the town. The school's theater was filled with fans waiting for him to sign the book. Drape has covered Superbowls and World Series but truly saw the love of the game with Smith Center. Drape will hold a book signing Saturday at Hasting's in Hays at 1 pm. In Hays tonight, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**08/24/09**

**10pm**

When potential coaches are applying for jobs taking over a team that didn't win a game in 2008... Would probably be on the bottom of the list for most but not for Joe Simon, the man who took over at Plainville. Simon is a liberal native but comes from Argonia to lead the cardinals back to flight. Plainville finished the season at 0-9 in 2008, an arduous task for Simon in his first head coaching gig. The cardinals have a lot of young talent and when the seniors fall in and things should be fine. Plainville and Simon have the other arduous task of opening the season with smith center on the road. No fun there. Just up the road in Stockton the tigers or blue tigers or whatever are prepping for 2009 and hoping for some stability. Justin Bassert is their sixth coach in six seasons... Plus Stockton is still getting used to playing 8-man football. Fortunately Bassert comes from an 8-man background. All of that should stabilize things. Bassert, a true Goldbug and the Tigers open the season at sylvan. Countdown to kickoff is just under a week away for Fort Hays State football hitting the road to Gunnison, Colorado against Western State on Saturday. Tune in Friday night for the Catch it Kansas preview show. This Friday where we breakdown the teams and the leagues that everyone will be talking about the Catch it Kansas preview show. That will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/25/09**

**10pm**

It's sad when your town is more known for having the animal circus with the world's largest prairie dog than a very good football team but what happened out west in Oakley? Coach Randall Rath and the plainsmen have built themselves a very nice program in Oakley finishing 7-3 last season, falling to Meade in the third round of the second round of the playoffs. Look for more power football this season from Oakley. Their pedigree during Rath's time. Their main goal for the season is to simply finish the way they want. Oakley opens with Goodland at home and then what should be a tough matchup with Ellis in week three. From one solid program to one that is on shaky grounds, Hoxie is hoping a new coach will turn things around for the Indians. But low numbers won't help new coach Lance Barr. Only 16 kids out for practice and some are out with injuries. Hoxie won only one game in 08 so anything should be a turnaround. Bar's goal is to try and make football fun again. Hoxie opens the season with Trego New tiger volleyball coach hit his first bump in the road even before the first game looking to replace Katelyn Lapham after unexpectedly leaving the program over the weekend. There were rumors that she wasn't happy playing volleyball. Kohler will now have to fill the position vacated. Likely choices are senior Whitney Liggett and Ellen Dreyer. Lady tigers open the season this Friday in Kearney. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/26/09**

**10pm**

It's not often that an 8-man football team makes headlines but that was before the Quinter bulldogs dropped down and started laying waste to the team in division two last seasons. Guess what? They're back. Cardinals fans - remember this guy? John Petrie takes over at Trego from Plainville and a lot of eyes will be on Trego County this year and whether Petrie can turn the program around. Trego only suited up a handful of players for their last few homes game last season but numbers look up this season. And a nice boost for Petrie is transfer student bobby Hutchcraft at quarterback. But Petrie is trying to get the kids to have fun again. Trego opens the season at Hoxie. Remember to watch the catch it Kansas preview show Friday night where we break down all the teams that everyone will be talking about this season and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**08/27/09**

**10pm**

It seems no matter where you go in this corner of the country; everything is somehow connected to Smith Center, at least on the football field, where Coach Barta has turned out some of the best coaches in Kansas high school football. This takes us to Russell where Redmen alum David King begins his fourth season with the Broncos. A 4-5 2008 season will be something King will want to erase from memory but it won't be easy. An inexperienced and soft front line might cause problems for an experienced backfield. King is from Smith Center so power running will be a staple for Russell. Russell opens the season on the road at Republic County. Just up the road, Osborne is prepping for 2009, looked like cross country practice when we were there but these are football players. Coach Cullen Riner says his team has plenty of speed which could help the much needed depth for the bulldogs. Osborne opens the season with Decatur coming to town on September 4th. In Phillipsburg, the Panthers will be looking to extend their district title streak. Three years in a row with district title against a tough schedule that includes Beloit and Norton, but it won't come easy this year either. Both Beloit and Norton look very strong. Phillipsburg opens the season with the Bluejays coming to town. Remember to log onto [catchitkansas.com](http://catchitkansas.com) for all your high school football previews but also all fall sports. We do it all. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**08/28/09**

**10pm**

The countdown is almost over. Just less than 16 hours until the tiger's season opener with Western State in Colorado is almost here. And after some interesting off season moves, the Tigers looked poised to make last season's blunders a distant memory. The last time the Tigers played Western it was a massacre. A 55 to 3 drubbing of the Mountaineers in 2007 but the last time the Tigers played in Gunnison, Fort Hays escaped with a two point victory. So only time will tell. Game time is set for 2 pm. Lady Tiger volleyball opened their season Friday at the Nebraska Carney tournament and it will be a rebuilding process for Fort Hays. One thing is for sure, but it might not be as hard looking at today's results. Losing both of Friday's matches to Newman university and Rockhurst. The lady Tigers won the first game of the Newman match 25-23, but then lost the next three games, and then beaten in straight sets to Rockhurst. Lady Tigers play two matches Saturday. High school previews roll on. Up to Norton where the Bluejays looked primed for another successful run. Coming off an 8-3 season and behind powerhouse running back junior Terrell Lane, rushing for almost 1500 yards and 19 touchdowns last season. But Coach Lucas Melvin says it will be a total team effort for success. Norton came painstakingly close to breaking Smith Centers winning streak, falling 22-20. The Bluejays will get another crack at them in week three in Smith Center. Remember to watch the Catch It Kansas preview show tonight on the Kansas CW network. Eagle cable channel 12, where we break down all the teams that everyone will be talking about. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**08/31/09**

**10pm**

Tiger fans last year might have thought Fort Hays football would never win a road game again after 18 straight losses away from home stretching all the way back to 2005. But you can't think about that now after Saturday's large win over Western State. The tigers ran wild over the Mountaineers 45-17. C-J Lovett was named M-I-double a special team's player of the week for amassing over two hundred and fifty yards on special teams returning a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns setting a new N-C-double a record for returns in division two. Monday at Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays and it is still golf season. Girls nine hole tournament and five WAC teams on hand with Salina South and Central and Hutchinson in town too. Lady Indian's number one Sammy Hobson had a good day out there carded a 46 taking third. The Lady Indians golf team is poised for another strong fall season. They finished fourth at state last year. In Hays I'm Grant Meech.

**09/01/09**

**10pm**

High school football previews rolling on as we approach Friday night's kickoff and out west in Hill City, Ringneck country is buzzing for a repeat season in 8-man. Seems like a trend when okay teams in 11-man drop down to 8-man. Things go right. The Ringnecks, the most interesting mascot in the country enter their second season in 8-man ball coming off a 6 and 3 record behind fourth year coach Chris Shank leading the charge will be quarterback Reggie Jordan if everything goes well. The Ringnecks will go deep into the playoffs with their added experience in 8-man ball especially with their exceptional depth for a small school. Hill City opens up on Friday with Ashland in a rematch of 2008. Not a whole lot of depth over in Palco. The tiny 8-man school pools a tiny amount of players in 2009 only 16 which is enough to scrimmage but not enough for breaks. New coach Justin Pierce becomes the fourth coach in four years for the roosters. So stability will be a key for Palco but Pierce says his players just want to win. Palco opens up at home against Northern Valley. Their only win last season and then a tough match up against a very large Quinter in week two. Remember the catch it Kansas show is back on the air this Friday at 11 pm on Eagle cable channel 12 - watch it and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**09/02/09**

**10pm**

Let's hope that CJ Lovett can keep his special teams game hot this weekend for the tigers home opener against Colorado School of Mines. Because Fort Hays will be looking for some revenge on the Orediggers. And having the national player of the week should help. The senior defensive back from Colorado went wild last week against Western State amassing over two hundred and fifty yards on special teams and returning a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns. Just down the street from Lewis Field, TMP should be improved from last year's 3-6 campaign. One mainstay no matter the season coach Gene Flax 14 years at the helm. Keep an eye on TMPS schedule pushover games in the beginning. Tough ones down the stretch, Monarchs open up with Kinsley. Going indoors ladies please, volleyball season has begun. Keep an eye on TMP with a strong but small core of seniors. The Lady Monarchs missed out on the playoffs by one game last season. It will be an interesting season in Al Billinger Field House. TMP plays their first match Thursday Over at Hays. The Lady Indians have some new challenges in 09. Welcome Sarah Shinstock once an assistant now the head lady in charge, she's off to a good start. Hays is 3-0 after a quad Tuesday night, Shinstock is learning on the job and trying to help her team communicate better. Hays' opens up at home on the seventeenth and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/03/09**

**10pm**

Big time college football kicked off the season Thursday night all over the country. But the tigers already have a game and a win under their belts and are about to kick off home field action this weekend against mines. Fort Hays went to golden last season and walked away really empty handed 37-17. But now the tigers have the road monkey off their back and are much better at home. But it won't be easy, Mines returns almost all of their offense and quarterback senior David Pesek. But this is nothing new to Verdugo and the tigers. Tigers won the last time mines came to town two years ago 34-10. Kick-off is set for 7 pm at Lewis field. You didn't think you could escape the larks in football season. Did you?? Rewarded for their late season heroics... Five larks earned first team all Jayhawk league honors. Leading the way with an all American honor is Australian second baseman Jason Morris. Batted two ninety six with two r-b-i's and a home run at the NBC tournament last month. Everyman Andrew Heck named first team utility player. Heck was a standout right handed pitcher. Also playing third base, short stop and in the outfield, outfielder Brandon Eckerle starting pitcher Kurt Wunderlick and Eric rose round out the first team honors. Shortstop Sean Wilson and third baseman Rafael Valenzuela earned second team honors. Tomorrow night it is on. Catch it Kansas Friday is back in full force. Catch the most prep games in Kansas on eyewitness news at ten and then watch the catch it Kansas show at 11 on KSCW, Eagle cable channel 12 and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**09/04/09**

**10pm**

Bruce, one bad game separated tiny Victoria from a perfect season and a third state title in 8-man last November, and the bad taste in their mouth is still in hanging around. But a win against a tough Macksville squad would wipe that out. Picked by many to make it back to the division two title games, the Knights have to get through the Mustangs who were very stingy last season. Senior quarterback Garrett Dreiling gets things going by airing it out Aaron Crawford for a thirty yard touchdown. 8-0 Knights. But into the second quarter Macksville takes a page from Victoria. Garrett Aves sends one out to Evan Loomis, dances the sidelines for the equalizer. But they miss the extra point. 8-6 Knights. Same quarter Victoria answers back, Dreiling rolling to his right, he finds Andy Karlin in the very back of the end zone to go on top. Before half, Dreiling hits Brett Ottley on a flare pass, Ottley breaks a few tackles and battles his way to the goal line but he is short. The Knights would score on the very next play. Go up 24-6 at half and go on to win, 30-6 over Macksville.

**09/08/09**

**10pm**

This Fort Hays Tigers football team is very different than what we saw last year and even though their offense is producing steady numbers in their two wins this season. The real spark is coming on special teams from C.J. Lovett as the senior defensive back was named the conference's special teams player of the week for the second straight week - whoa! On the other side of the state, Ness city fans are still cheering on Alex Coolman at Pitt State as the safety earned M-I-double a defensive player of the week honors against Chadron State. Coolman had an interception and a fumble and held the eagles to just 33 yards of offense. The Tigers won't see Coolman and the gorillas until October 24th at their house. In Cardinal Country Tuesday, a Central Plains league triangular with Ellis and Lacrosse at Plainville. The lady Cardinals up on top of the leopards in this one and Lacrosse is not able to handle the ball well. Lady leopards hit this one wide for a Cardinal point and further along and Plainville keeps capitalizing. Sends this one far but just inside of the back line. Match point with a nice serve. Lacrosse can't handle it and Plainville crushes Lacrosse 25-13. So now the lady leopards need to regroup before a tough looking Ellis squad... Early on it looked like Ellis might over power lax. Chelsey Liker slams this spike home to go on top, but Lacrosse would climb back serving ace levels the score. But they didn't count on Bethany Polifka. The senior slams this spike down for a Railers point and Lacrosse goes on to roll Ellis 25-14. That will do it for me tonight in Hays tonight I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/09/09**

**10pm**

If you had asked Indian fans if Hays would have racked up over fifty points in their first game against Concordia last week. The first game under a new offense and a new coach and they would have said you were crazy... But that's what they did and shocked a whole lot of people and now they have a chance to do it at home this weekend. Golfers who thought that closing Fort Hays municipal's front nine last year for new turf would create a very quality public course probably didn't imagine the problems that would occur to the greens on the back nine. The front nine will remain open for the rest of the year. That will do it for me tonight. In Hays I'm Grant Meech.

**09/10/09**

**10pm**

What a difference a year makes for the Tigers at least at this stage of the game, taking on Missouri Western for their second home game of the season. The difference between this year and last year is second home game in a row and going for their third win in a row. Friday night lights will be beaming on Ellis as they take on Oakley for our game of the week. Seems early for a game pitting two top ten teams in 2-A, but here it is. Ellis returned a large junior class for 2009 and already dispatched Atwood in week one 35-8. Oakley, not to be outdone blanked Goodland at home 37-0. Two big offenses should provide some fireworks. Game time is set for 7. Homecoming in Ellis and it isn't even October. Other games around the region on Friday night, Great Bend travels to Clay Center to get back on the winning wagon. Goodland takes on Colby. Norton tackles Decatur. Smith Center travels to Trego. Lacrosse plays Hutch Trinity. Victoria goes to Saint John and Quinter hosts Palco. You will see the Hays Ulysses game on the catch it Kansas show Friday night and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays I'm Grant Meech.

**09/11/09**

**10pm**

Jenn, no one was sure how Hays would do in their first game under a new coach with a new offense and really new everything, but putting up over 50 points in a blowout win changed everyone's thinking. But this game might have changed it back. Ulysses would be the ones to strike first. Alex Meyerhoff airing it out to Josh Jarnagin, setting up this forty yard field goal and the Tigers go into the locker room 3-0. Hays offense didn't get anything going on offense until the second half with Bryant Bombardier connecting with Travis Pfannenstiel again. They miss the extra point but stay up 13-3. It looked like Hays had hit their stride until Brad Pruter botches this punt, and the Tigers take over deep in Hays territory, and they would score on this Meyerhoff pass 13-9, but Hays would hold on for the win. Things definitely look interesting for Hays now off to a 2-0 start. I say interesting because we still have a lot of football left to play. Jenn.

**09/14/09**

**10pm**

It looks like three was not the magic number for the Tigers. Going for their third win of the season against Missouri Western. A big third quarter rally from the Griffons did the Tigers in. Hoping to ride the momentum of the mines win into Saturday night. The offense really came to light. Mike Garrison finding Jacob Irvin in flats and he runs this one in for the opening scores. How often did you see that last year? But western answered right back. Thomas Hodges. Runs in the equalizer. 7-7. this game turned into a track meet. Garrison going deep, deep to OJ Murdock for a 40 yard passes. Tigers up 14-7. Western tied it up later. Tigers going back to the air. Garrison play fake connected over the middle to Robert Mercer for a twenty yard touchdown. 21-14. Western tied it up again and then took the lead going into half time 27-24. Lots of momentum heading into the locker room. But that is where it ended. Griffons came out firing in the second half. Drew Newhart connecting with Cedric Houston for their second touchdown that put them up 34-24. From there the Griffons would pour it on and win 58-31. Tigers head back on the road to Kirksville to take on Truman next Saturday. Tiger tennis opened their season over the weekend. Not exactly tennis weather but it season opener can't wait. Lady tigers rolled Hastings College 8-1 in their opener. Sweeping three doubles matches and five of the six singles matches. Next action for the lady tigers is this Friday at Bethany College. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/15/09**

**10pm**

Soccer Tuesday! Headlining our adventure into the beautiful game is t-m-p and Garden City with the monarchs hoping they can stop the buffs in their tracks at home. No one likes to lose especially not coach Verdugo but he had to be impressed with his offense against Missouri western and how senior quarterback Mike Garrison has grasped the offense the way he has so far. Tigers on the road this week against Truman State and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**09/16/09**

**10pm**

What's in a name? Railroaders, Indians, Plainsmen, Leopards. We are the Knights. Better yet, what's in a mascot? Cardinals, Panthers, Tigers and Bulldogs. We are the Redmen! Some of the mascots make sense... This is a big railroad community and we have the train come through here. In fact Golden Eagles have been known to be in western Kansas. Others don't really make much sense. Why the Leopards? That's a good question. Leopards in western Kansas. When was the last time you saw an orange leopard? I think those are Tigers, coach. Our helmets are the Orange Tigers. But the uniforms are blue. So the Blue Tigers? I'm not sure. I don't think I'll be calling them Goldbugs. Ah yes, the now extinct Kensington Goldbugs. FAA meat judging champions in 1996, but what is a Goldbug? Just a bug with a little gold shell, I can't even tell you what kind of bug it was. Kensington was never Goldbug Country, but Victoria calls itself Knight Country and Oakley is Plainsmen Country, and it's easy to see why. Lots of open space. But the little town of Hill City calls itself Ringneck Country. One of the craziest mascots you will ever find. And the name is all over the place. From the street signs to the entrance to the stadium, there is no doubt where you are. And what in the world is a Ringneck? A Ringneck is a pheasant, and you can actually hear them when you are out at practice, so that's kind of cool. I like the fact that we are the only one in the country and I know we have made Sports Center once upon a time for being the Ringnecks. If the Ringnecks are the only one in the country, someone needs to find another school with this mascot. The Palco Roosters, and if there is another rooster team out there. I don't think they are as tough as we are. Or nearly as proud. The rooster is all over the gym. Occasionally there is crossover with mascots. You have the Indians and the Indians, and Bulldogs and Bulldogs, and Panthers and Panthers, but is Great Bend the Black Panthers? I think in the old days it was the Black Panthers and some people still call it that, but as far as I know we are the Panthers. And of course Cardinals and Cardinals, but are they the Fighting Cardinals? I believe we are just the Cardinals. Maybe Norton should be the Fighting Blue Jays. Ever read about a Blue Jay? They defend their area, pretty honored. If you guys are the Blue Jays. Then you might need some more blue. That was one thing I was told, you don't touch the yellow helmet. Seems to work. Ringnecks and Roosters galore but I wonder what the most interesting mascot they remember is. Huddo Hippos, I always liked the Huddo Hippos. What the heck is a Lamar Antelope? Heck it could be us. The best mascot in the world is the Pratt Greenbacks! That definitely fits western Kansas. It certainly does with everyone. Grant Meech, Eyewitness Sports

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/17/09**

**10pm**

The wheels might be falling off of Hays soccer. Hopes and expectations were high after the Indians won the McPherson tournament last week but now after giving up a lead to great bend Tuesday. What happened against Dodge City Thursday wasn't pretty. Scoring was early and often but not local. Fourth minute. Sophomore Ivan Peralta sends a cross to Victor Milan and he makes easy work. 1-0 Demons. Tenth minute now. Peralta grabs a loose ball. Sends a long thru ball to Julio Ramirez. Fights off defenders. Settles it and scores. 2-0 and they haven't broken a sweat yet. Further along. Luis Lopez on the far side with a pass to the front. Bounces around Peralta again scores. His second goal of the half. And the route was on. The demons are very good and they made Hays look really bad. Alan Rojas all alone for the easy goal. 4-0 Dodge City at half and they would roll Hays High 8-0. Moving indoors, same school. Lady Indian's volleyball quad. Pratt, Ulysses and Garden City in town. Hays locked up with Pratt late in the first game. The Lady Indians keeping a solid volley going when Amanda Groff sends it home for the win. 25-21. Move forward to the second game. Hays up 23-15. Another solid rally going for the Lady Indians. Groff sends a long spike to the back of the zone and it just falls. Now to game point, Lindsey Schmiedler, with the serving ace and the win. 25-16. Hays sweeps part. But Hays would get swept by Garden City prior in the return of Bob Schmitz to Hays. Buffaloes roam on Hays 25-21 and 25-15. The ritual renews tomorrow night for prep football. And a lot of eyes will be squarely pointed on Smith Center as the Redmen take on rival Norton. Who came closer than anyone in the past five years to breaking up the Redmen's winning streak last season, falling by a mere two points. But when you have won almost seventy games in a row, you can bet they will be ready for Norton and Terrell Lane. Game time is set for 7 pm at Hubbard Stadium. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**09/18/09**

**10pm**

Bruce, Norton was this close to breaking Smith Center's winning streak last season, losing by only two points, and the rest is well documented history and the Redmen remember that game very well. That game in week three last season was the closest game since the streak began and this one would be close too. Norton would strike first at Hubbard stadium, Zane Perez runs in from the seven, almost untouched. Taking the air out of Redmen faithful. The Blue Jays would keep SC out of the end zone in the first quarter but that wouldn't last long. Matt Atwood right up the middle tied at 7, and it wouldn't be long before they struck again. Colt Rogers off tackle, breaking away, taken out at the seven and Rogers would finish it off from the seven almost taking out our photographer for the go ahead score 14-7. But Norton would answer back. Zane Perez breaks it up the middle looks like he might go the distance but is taken down setting up their equalizer but its stuffed by the Redmen. 14-7 at half and they would hang on to win 20-14.

**09/21/09**

**10pm**

Our first look at Tiger volleyball this season over the weekend against Pitt State. Fort Hays looked very strong in an early first game win, but then faltered down the stretch, but defense was much improved against the Gorillas. Tracie Hileman looks very comfortable at Libero since the move. Digging a ball here. Served up for Lydia Karnopp for a long spike in the back corner. 24-23. Another rally going for Pitt State, Corrin Stringer lofts one over where Lillian Rezende saves it, Karnopp sends it back for Mackayla McPhail. The freshman goes over the line for game point; Gorillas tie it up at 1. Looks like the MI double a conference has turned into the big 12 from last season. Shootout after shootout win for teams and the Tigers are taking full advantage of some soft defenses. Fort Hays gunning it out with Truman state, 41-31 winners on the road. Almost 500 yards of total offense for the Tigers. Getting almost half of that on the ground. Tigers are now 3-1 and host rival Emporia State this weekend for homecoming. And that will do it for me tonight, in Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/22/09**

**10pm**

Round one of the Hays Great Bend soccer game. Panthers came roaring back against the Indians for a 4-4 tie to keep their season going. So with round two at their place, would Great Bend beat back a Hays charge? We do know this is a rivalry game between two bitter opponents. Watch out, Devin Schmidt of Hays is laid out. He would be ok. Indians would get their first shot at goal. From the sidelines. Jordan Burgess with a long free kick to Christian Bills, with the shot off the post. Oh no! So close. Back the other way now. Oscar Torres with the ball near the Hays goal. Goes down in the box, and that's a no-no. Penalty kick to the Panthers. Darius Nickolie with the kick and Hays keeper nearly saves it but slips thru his fingers. Goal Panthers. 1-0. Panthers grab another quick goal. Now 2-0, but Jonathan Alzate, working to his right, sends one low but hard and that's a goal. Now 3-0 in the first half. Nearing the end of the first half. Hays with a free kick opportunity. Trey Herman, good golfer too. It's blocked. Bounces around until it lands in front of Daniel Bittel. Lofts one up and bounces off the cross bar. Nearly a goal. 3-0 at half and Great Bend would beat Hays. 4-2. moving indoors. Lady Panther's quad, Andale, Chapparral and Cheney in town. Great Bend locked up with Andale in game two of three. Lady Panthers way up on the Indians, 23-11. Something with the Indians. Good rally going. Alex Hartig sets up Ashley Boger for the kill. Andale playing strong defense against Great Bend later in the game. Devon Boger saves this one. Alex Hartig sends one over and drops it low. Too low to dig. 24-11 Lady Panthers. Game point now. Rally going for Great Bend. Ball comes to Nicole Riter. The spike. And Andale can't handle it. And that game two. 25-11 and Panthers would go on to win in three games. Great Bend would beat Chapparral but got swept by Cheney. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**09/23/09**

**10pm**

The Tigers have been putting on an offensive showcase this season, mostly through the air, as Mike Garrison has already thrown for over a thousand yards and seven touchdowns in four games. But Coach Kevin Verdugo is very excited about getting a ground game going and James Walker has provided that spark. The junior transfer from California racked up 200 yards in the win against Truman state to garner MIAA offensive player of the week honors. Walker has rushed for almost 400 yards so far and three touchdowns. Walker is a power runner much like Jacob Irvin but Walker carries a little more weight which gives him more running room inside. This is the third conference player of the week honor for a very improved Fort Hays football team. Defensive back CJ Lovett was named MIAA Special Teams Player of the week twice this season. Tiger volleyball is still rebuilding this season but they are much more competitive than last season. You could see that against Pitt State on Sunday, winning the first game, but Coach Kurt Kohler knows it is only a matter of time before they get the wins they fight so hard for. First serve against the Lady Mavericks is set for 7 pm at Gross Memorial Coliseum on Friday. And that will do it for me tonight. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/24/09**

**10pm**

Nothing ruins homecoming like a bad bonfire or a losing football team. Fortunately for Fort Hays, the Tigers have a winning record and are very familiar with Emporia State, renewing the longest rivalry in Tiger football this Saturday. Plus you can't control the bonfire. Tigers enter the game looking for their fourth win and second in conference. The Hornets looking for their second win of the season, and return quarterback Andre Sloan-el. Tigers lost last year's contest in Emporia but Coach Kevin Verdugo hasn't reminded them of that. The Tigers bring in one of the most prolific offenses in the conference but defense will be the cornerstone for the game on Saturday. They will need to wrangle in the Hornets Sloan-el. Game time is set for 7 pm at Lewis Field Stadium. But Friday night, Hays will look to stay unbeaten against Garden City in the Indians second WAC game in 2009. The unlikely unbeaten will take two rebuilding offenses into the game, the Buffs took down Great Bend last week with an air attack. Look for the same against the Indians, and hopefully Coach Ryan Cornelsen has some leftover magic in his hat. Kickoff is set for 7 pm. Other games to watch out for, Great Bend travels to Wichita for revenge against Wichita Heights, Victoria battles Stockton. TMP makes the trek all the way to Ulysses and Ellis travels to Hoxie. Softball in football season, why not? Lady Tigers taking on Barton County in their exhibition fall season and a chance for Coach Julie Lemaire to check out her team against some competition. Lady Tigers have two more games a Tiger Stadium on Saturday and Monday. And that will do it for me tonight. Don't forget to watch the Catch It Kansas Show Friday night. In Hays, I'm Grant Meech.

**09/25/09**

**10pm**

Bruce, this is the battle of the unlikely unbeaten. Both Hays and Garden City were picked near the bottom of the WAC conference. But now both are 3-0 entering tonight's game and looking to get back on top of the conference. This game would be delayed for about an hour because of rain and lightning, but when it did get going it was sluggish out of the gates. The Buffalos move it through the air though. Cody Burnbeck connecting with Tanner Parr at the goal line. He is stopped short. But the Buffs punch it in on the next play 7-0 Garden City. But Hays would respond. From the two Casey Sedbrook punches it in for the Indians. But the extra point was blocked. 7-6 Buffs. This game would be a close one down the stretch. Hays would get the ball back and go for the lead. Austin Unrein goes or the field goal. And Hays takes the lead 9-7. Now right before half, Buffs drive and go for the halftime lead. Larry Gomez sends one up and threw for a thirty yard field goal -10-9 buffs but Hays would come back and win 17-16. Quite a remarkable turnaround for Hays now 4-0 and 2-0 in conference.

**09/28/09**

**10pm**

If there was rowdy behavior from Fort Hays' students on Saturday night at least we know that the Tigers big win over Emporia for homecoming was the motivation. If there was rowdy behavior from Fort Hays' students on Saturday night at least we know that the Tigers big win over Emporia for homecoming was the motivation or it might have been victory Tiger on the motorcycle. Fort Hays broke open the scoring on the ground James Walker on the fake from Mike Garrison faked us out. Walker punches it in from the 3, 7-0 Tigers. Second quarter now from the 30, Nathan Rausa boots one high and thru for a 47 yard field goal Tigers up 10-0 on the Hornets but they got the offense moving late. Kevin smart put Emporia on the two and he finishes it off with a touchdown. But they miss the extra point 10-6. But that wouldn't last long. The no huddle offense living up to the hype, Mike Garrison going long to O.J. Murdock 52 yards and the Tigers are back on top - 17-6 and they kept it rolling. James walker leaping for another 2 yard run 24-6 the Tigers are rolling big on Emporia and they would win big 40-20. To the links Fort Hays Women's invitational at Smoky Hill. First round Monday Tigers Chelsey Linenberger with a nice approach shot here on the ninth green. She made that for par. Lady tigers are in the lead. Final round tees off Tuesday at 8-30 a-m. That will do it for me tonight in Hays I'm Grant Meech.

## COMMUNITY Q-3

**09/29/09**

**10pm**

Final round of the Fort Hays Women's Invitational Tuesday. Good thing they finished the round in the morning because by the afternoon. Conditions would have been much different on the course. It was a beautiful morning at Smoky Hill Country Club with nobody going low but good enough to stay in contention. Tigers Kiley Johansen leading after day one and here she is on 17 and lands this chip to about 12 feet on the green. The putt slides right by for par and settled for bogey but she carried a huge lead into Tuesday. Now on 18 downhill par 3. Her shot gets to about 8 feet and her putt just burns the edge. She made par but the tournament was still hers and the lady Tigers. Johansen cards a 15 over for the win over Nebraska Kearney's Sara Wissing by eleven shots. Fort Hays Samantha Neilsen took third. Fort Hays wins the tournament by 14 strokes for a two day total of 699 over Regis with a 713 and Nebraska Karney at 744. One more tournament for the lady tigers before fall season is over. Looks like the ship might have been righted for Hays soccer. At least after today's performance against Junction City. Only one game but it's a start. But it took a long time to get started. Almost sixty five minutes passed before the Indians broke the stalemate. On the throw in Hays Trey Herman sends a header to the net. Bluejays goalie gets a finger on it but pops it up into the net. Finally a goal for the Indians 1-nothing and you know what they say you can't have just one. Devin Schmidt with a tight shot on goal was blocked and bounces around then Ethan Fort finds it and sends it home 2-0 Hays in less than a minute. More scoring as Adam Adams working the ball to Trey Herman loses it but Schmidt finds it and grabs another one 3-nothing Hays. Herman would add another goal later and the Indians route Junction City 5-0. Hays hosts Liberal Thursday and that will do it for me tonight. In Hays I'm Grant Meech.

**09/30/09**

**10pm**

Teams in 2-a can breathe a sigh of relief come 2010 because Smith Center is heading to 3-a. Teams in 2-a can breathe a sigh of relief come 2010 because Smith Center is heading to 3-a. On Tuesday, final round of the FHSU Women's invite. Tigers Kiley Johansen on 18 with a huge lead over Nebraska Kearney and Regis University a downhill par three and she gets it to about ten feet. Her birdie putt rolls and just burns the edge. She made that for par and gets the win and. Fort Hays wins the tournament by 14 strokes a two day total of 699. Also Tuesday at Hays High Indians and Junction City Hays up 1-0 late in the game and then they blew it open. Devin Schmidt with a tight shot on goal blocked bounces around then Ethan Fort finds it and sends it home 2-0 Hays in less than a minute. More scoring Adam Adams working the ball to Trey Herman loses it but Schmidt finds it and grabs another one, 3-nothing Hays and the Indians route Junction City 5-0. And that will do it for me tonight in Hays I'm Grant Meech.