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50<sup>TH</sup> GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP (1973-2022)

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One could make the case for the 2022 Class 1A-I Division Girls State Basketball Championship of having the best of the best on hand at United Wireless Arena, March 10-12.

Of the eight qualifying teams, five of those also competed in the Class 1A-I State Volleyball Championship on Oct. 29-30, 2021, in the same venue. Spearville came out as the state champion with a three-set win over Pretty Prairie and the two schools are on opposite sides of the bracket.

But make no mistake, the road to Saturday's primetime championship game at 6:15 p.m. is full of detours. It's almost like a Who's Who of Kansas small town athletic success.

The eight qualifying teams have accounted for 15 state championships since girls' athletics became a central feature of high schools in Kansas in 1972. Centralia owns five of those titles, going as far back as 1975 and only as recent as 2016. Spearville captured its four state titles in four consecutive years of 1987 to 1990, becoming the first school ever to win four girls title in consecutive fashion. Little River's four state crowns, all in Class 1A when there was no divisions, captured four in a row from 1995 to 1998 and in that span won a then state-record 91 straight games. That mark has since been broken twice, first by Hoxie at 107 and then by Central Plains with an eye-popping 138.

Osborne can lay claim to a pair of state titles, those coming in 2000 and 2002 when they also were runners-up in 2001 and 2003. Hodgeman County, Clifton-Clyde, Pretty Prairie and Burlingame have yet to win a state girls basketball title.

Burlingame is the new kid on the block, qualifying for the first time ever. The Bearcats are 20-2 and meet up with Little River in the quarterfinal round. Hodgeman County and Clifton-Clyde have both played for a state title, but came up short – Hodgeman County when it was Jetmore in 2001 and Clifton-Clyde in 1996.

The eight teams represented have combined for 14 state runner-up finishes; and have been in the Remaining Four on 46 occasions.

Note: Quarterfinal games of the State Tournament will be played Thursday, March 10, 2022, all games at United Wireless Arena, Dodge City. Records of teams include any byes received during Sub-State Tournaments.

### **Quarterfinal Pairings**

#### **All Games Thursday, March 10**

**2 p.m. – No. 1 Jetmore-Hodgeman County (23-0) vs. No. 8 Clyde-Clifton Clyde (16-8)**

**4 p.m. – No. 4 Osborne (22-1) vs. No. 5 Pretty Prairie (22-1)**

**6 p.m. – No. 2 Centralia (23-0) vs. No. 7 Spearville (17-7)**

**8 p.m. – No. 3 Little River (22-1) vs. No. 6 Burlingame (20-2)**

### **Semifinal Schedule**

#### **Friday, March 11**

**4 p.m. – Winners of Thursday 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. games**

**8 p.m. – Winners of Thursday 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. games**

### **Consolation/Championship Schedule**

#### **Saturday, March 12**

**2 p.m. – Consolation (Losers of Friday semifinals)**

**6:15 p.m. – Championship (Winners of Friday semifinals)**

## **THE TIP-OFF ON THE STATE QUALIFIERS**

### **JETMORE-HODGEMAN COUNTY LONGHORNS**

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 23-0

School Colors: Red & Black

League Affiliation: Southern Plains/Iroquois Activities Association

Head Coach: Trent Bright (3<sup>rd</sup> year girls coach, 56-15); 7 years as boys coach (74-80); Overall: 130-95.

Projected Starting Lineup: Kaylee James, 5-6, Jr., G (7.5ppg/5.2rpg/3.0spg/1.6apg); Morgan Ruff, ; Malynn Bell, 5-5, So., G (9.8ppg/4.9rpg/2.5spg/1.7apg); Grace Shiew, 5-10, Jr., C (7.5ppg/8.0rpg/1.5spg); Jessie Ruff, . Top Reserves: Hayleigh Burke; Casey Schaffer; Reesa Nuss; Alexis Bradshaw.

Scoring: Offense: 51.0 ppg; Scoring Defense: 33.0 ppg.

Last State Tournament Appearance (2021): Quarterfinals, Won, 53-41 over Osborne; Semifinals, Lost 38-21 to Olpe (No 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Game).

State Tournament Appearances (As Jetmore HS): (2), 2001, 2005; (As Hodgeman County (2021)

State Championships: 0

State Runner-Up (As Jetmore HS): (1), 2001, Lost to Lebo, 48-35, in championship game of Class 1A.

Remaining Four Appearances (As Jetmore): 1 (2001); (As Hodgeman County): (2021)

Overall Record at State Tournaments (As Jetmore): 3-3

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Jetmore-Hodgeman County**--Jetmore-Hodgeman County vs. bye; La Crosse 46, Quinter 37; Ness City vs. bye; Leoti-Wichita County 49, Kinsley 18; Semifinals: Jetmore-Hodgeman County 41, La Crosse 27; Ness City 45, Leoti-Wichita County 39; Championship: Jetmore-Hodgeman County 51, Ness City 42.

Coach's Comment: "This group of young ladies has worked really hard to get to where they are. They put a lot of time in the offseason working on the court and in the weight room. One of our best strengths is our defense."

## CLYDE-CLIFTON CLYDE EAGLES

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 16-8

School Colors: Red, White & Blue

League Affiliation: Twin Valley

Head Coach: Kieran Wurtz (9<sup>th</sup> year, 106-97)

Projected Starting Lineup: Lillian Steinbrock, 5-4, Fr., 9.3ppg/2.5rpg/2.5apg/2.7spg; Karsyn Sikes, 5-2, Sr., 5.9ppg/1.5apg/1.3spg; Emma Nobert, 5-7, Sr., 8.0ppg/4.1rpg/2.1apg/1.3spg; Shea Wurtz, 5-6, So., 12.0ppg/8.0rpg/1.3apg/2.8spg; Haley Thrasher, 5-10, Jr., 3.7ppg/4.1rpg. Top Reserves: Paige Bowser, Sr.; Sydney Bowser, Sr.; Whitley Sikes, So.

Scoring Offense: 43.4ppg; Scoring Defense: 36.7ppg.

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2009 (lost to Ellis, 45-43, quarters)

State Tournament Appearances: 3 (1996, 2009, 2022)

State Championships: 0

State Runners-Up: 1996 (Class 2A, lost to Moundridge, 59-40)

Remaining Four Appearances: 1 (1996)

Overall Record at State Tournaments: 2-2

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Clifton-Clyde--Clyde-Clifton** Clyde vs. bye; Randolph-Blue Valley 44, Lincoln 30; Mankato-Rock Hills vs. bye; Washington County 55, Solomon 18; Semifinals: Clifton-Clyde 42, Randolph-Blue Valley 23; Washington County 33, Mankato-Rock Hills 26; Championship: Clyde-Clifton Clyde 36, Washington County 31.

Coach's Comments: "We have a good mix of upperclassmen and younger girls on this team. They all get along well and enjoy playing with each other. We have really improved on the defensive end of the floor and this seems to be our strength coming down the stretch of the season. Our team needs to knock down outside shots for us to be competitive at the state tournament."

## **OSBORNE BULLDOGS**

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 22-1

School Colors: Maroon & Gold

League Affiliation: Northern Plains

Head Coach: Trina Lutters (3<sup>rd</sup> year, 54-15)

Projected Starting Lineup: Trinity Lutters, 5-5, Jr., 21.2ppg/3.8rpg/3.4spg/3.1apg; Gracie Riner, 5-5, So., 12.7ppg/4.5rpg/3.4spg/4.7apg; Ava Stull, 5-11, Sr., 7.8ppg/7.1rpg/2.7bpg; Taylor Elson, 5-9, Sr., 5.6ppg/5.0rpg/3.0spg; Hudson Wolters, 5-5, So., 2.9ppg/1.6rpg/1.7apg. Top Reserves: Grace William, 5-11, Fr., 4.3ppg/4.2rpg; Kalli Kaser, 5-7, Jr., 3.8rpg. Of Note: Trinity Lutters has now reached 1,300 career points during her junior year.

Scoring Offense: 62.9ppg; Scoring Defense: 36.9ppg

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2014 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

State Tournament Appearances: (11), 1984, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2022.

Multi-Class: Osborne has competed in state tournaments in Class 3A, 2A and 1A-I

State Championships: (2), 2000, 2A (def. Moundridge, 61-54; finished season 26-0); 2002, 2A (def. Ness City, 55-38; finished 25-1).

State Runner-Up: (2), 2001, 2A (Lost to Garden Plain, 57-45); 2003, 2A (Lost to Moundridge, 73-55).

Remaining Four Appearances: (8) 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2014.

Overall Record at State Tournament: Won 17, Lost 10

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Sylvan Lucas Unified**--Osborne vs. bye; Oberlin-Decatur Community 43, Downs-Lakeside 32; Sylvan-Lucas Unified 47, Stockton 31; Atwood-Rawlins County 51, Victoria 46; Semifinals: Osborne 50, Oberlin-Decatur Community 38; Atwood-Rawlins County 58, Sylvan-Lucas Unified 54; Championship: Osborne 68, Atwood-Rawlins County 56.

Coach's Comments: "Our team gets up and down the floor. This team works together passing and seeing the floor well."

## **PRETTY PRAIRIE BULLDOGS**

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 22-1

School Colors: Red & Blue

League Affiliation: Heart of the Plains

Head Coach: Scott Goering (n/a)

Top Players: McKenna Vogl, 6-0, Sr., 13.3ppg/8.2rpg/1.4apg; Jorah Harbaugh, 5-5, Sr., 11.7ppg/4.5apg/4.0spg; Bailey Young, 5-10, Jr., 11.2ppg/6.8rpg; Aubrey

Young, 5-6, Sr., 7.5ppg/3.5rpg/2.2apg/2.3spg; Joley Harbaugh, 5-4, So., 5.1ppg/1.5rpg/1.9apg; Abigail White, 5-7, Sr., 3.1ppg/2.7rpg/1.9apg; Trinity Kruse, 5-6, Jr., 5.2ppg/3.0rpg/2.5apg/4.5spg.

Scoring Offense: 61.9ppg; Scoring Defense: 24.0ppg

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2000

State Tournament Appearances: 7 (1978, 1982, 1984, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000)

State Championships: 0

State Runners-Up: 2 (1978, 1996)

Remaining Four Appearances: 6 (1978, 1982, 1984, 1996, 1998, 2000)

Overall Record at State Tournaments: 8-8

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Udall**--Pretty Prairie vs. bye; Wichita-Classical School of Wichita 49, Burden-Central 35; Norwich vs. bye; Oxford 47, Udall 32; Semifinals: Pretty Prairie 49, Wichita-Classical School of Wichita 13; Norwich 56, Oxford 26; Championship: Pretty Prairie 38, Norwich 16.

## **CENTRALIA PANTHERS**

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 23-0

School Colors: Orange & Black

League Affiliation: Twin Valley

Head Coach: Roger Holthaus (13<sup>th</sup> year, 230-85, .730)

Projected Starting Lineup: Lena Haverkamp, 5-5, Jr.; Jayden Wells, 5-7, Jr.; Avery Deters, 5-6, Sr.; Oen Deters, 5-6, Fr.; Abbie Flentie, 5-5, Sr. Top Reserves: Tatum Kramer, 5-4, Fr.; Tori Kuckelman, 5-6, So.

Scoring Offense: 51ppg; Scoring Defense: 32.0ppg

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2020 (Won quarterfinals, tournament cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

State Tournament Appearances: 19 (1974, 1975, 1983, 1988, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2022)

State Championships: 5 (2000, 54-43, Baileyville B&B, 1A; 2002, 47-42, Little River, 1A; 2004, 78-68, Grinnell, 1A; 2016, 54-36, Waverly, 1A-I).

State Runners-Up: 4 (1997, 2003, 2007, 2015)

Remaining Four Appearances: 13 (1972, 1975, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020).

Overall Record at State Tournaments: 30-12

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Frankfort**--Centralia vs. bye; Troy 47, Topeka-Cair Paravel Latin School 33; Highland-Doniphan West vs. bye; Frankfort 42. Onaga 20; Semifinals: Centralia 55, Troy 22; Frankfort 41, Highland-Doniphan West 38; Championship: Centralia 44, Frankfort 39.

Coach's Comments: "The team's strength is our togetherness. This team is very close with each other and they deeply care for one another. This strength has allowed us to win a lot of very close games. It's the reason we are 23-0."

## **SPEARVILLE ROYAL LANCERS**

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 17-7

School Colors: Blue & White

League Affiliation: Southern Plains/Iroquois AA

Head Coach: Todd Cossman (2<sup>nd</sup> year, 34-12); Boys Coach (9 years, 70-82).

Projected Starting Lineup: Taegan Pedigo, 5-5, 7.3ppg/3.2rpg/5.6apg/2.8spg; Kristen Huston, 5-3, Jr., 3.8ppg/2.3rpg/2.0apg/2.0spg; Tawney Krominga, 5-9, Jr.,



5.1ppg/4.4rpg/2.8spg/1.5apg/1.7spg; Kara Brakey, 5-7, Jr., 5.5ppg, 7.2rpg, 1.1apg, 1.3spg; Anna Stein, 5-11, Sr., 10.2ppg/8.1rpg/2.3apg/2.4bpg/2.8spg. Top Reserves: Faith Ackerman, 5-2, Fr., 3.4ppg/1.9rpg/1.4spg; Tesa Kuker, 5-6, Jr., 8.4ppg/1.5rpg/1.1spg; Reneau Ratzlaff, 5-3, Sr., 2.8ppg/1.9rpg.

Scoring Offense: 48.6ppg; Scoring Defense: 38.0ppg

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2020 (Won quarterfinals, tournament cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

State Tournament Appearances: 13 (1980, 1985, 1986m, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022).

State Championships: 4 (1987, 47-34, Sylvan Grove, 1A; 1988, 47-43, Inman, 2A; 1989, 48-44, Onaga, 2A; 1990, 56-53, Sterling, 2A). First team in Kansas history of girls basketball to win 4 consecutive state championships.

State Runners-Up: 2 (1985, 1986)

Remaining Four Appearances: 8 (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 2012, 2020)

Overall Record at State Tournaments: 18-8

**Of Note:** Spearville won the Class 1A-I Division volleyball state championship in late October, 2021, defeating Pretty Prairie in 3 sets.

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Montezuma-South Gray--Coldwater-South Central vs. bye; Meade 67, Montezuma-South Gray 58; Greensburg-Kiowa County 48, Satanta 13; Spearville 60, Minneola 44; Semifinals: Coldwater-South Central 40, Meade 37; Spearville 48, Greensburg-Kiowa County 30; Championship: Spearville 49, Coldwater-South Central 36.**

Coach's Comments: "We are a physical defensive team, with balanced scoring on offense. We like to play inside-out, but have a number of players who can knock the 3 (Tessa Kuker, 55-155, 3's for the season). We like to press back into a 2-3 match-up zone. Our top 8 players have the major minutes on the team."

## LITTLE RIVER REDSKINS

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 22-1

League Affiliation: Wheat State

School Colors: Red, White & Black

Head Coach: Brent Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> year, 42-5); Overall (219-218).

Projected Starting Lineup: Alaina Eck, 5-4, So., 7.8ppg/2.0rpg/1.8apg/2.9spg; Aubrey Olander, 6-0, So., 10.5ppg/7.0rpg/1.4apg/1.9spg; Lilyan Boughfman, 6-2, Sr., 14.2ppg/6.9rpg/2.8apg/2.3spg/3.4bpg; Elsie Boughfman, 5-10, Fr., 4.7ppg/2.9rpg/1.5apg; 1.6spg; Ashley Stephenson, 5-7, So., 2.7ppg/2.2rpg/1.6apg/1.2spg.

Top Reserves: Amaya Sneath, 5-7, Sr., 2.3ppg/2.3rpg; Mekenzie Renken, 5-8, Sr., 3.8ppg/2.5rpg/2.0apg; Raelynn Welsh, 5-9, Sr., 2.8ppg/2.9rpg; Kathleen Ellwood, 5-4, So., 3.2ppg/1.0 rpg.

Scoring: Offense: 49.5ppg; Scoring Defense: 25.4ppg

**Of Note:** Last State Tournament Appearance: 2021 (Lost in quarterfinals, 57-44, to Highland-Doniphan West

State Tournament Appearances: (17), 1979, 1985, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2011, 2021, 2022 (From 1994 to 2004, 11 consecutive state appearances, ties 11<sup>th</sup> all-time)

State Championships: (4), 1995 (def. Marais des Cygnes Valley, 82-53; 1996 (def. Pretty Prairie, 81-44); 1997 (def. Centralia, 74-72 OT); 1998 (def. Baileyville B&B, 44-43). All Class 1A.

Winning Streak: During run of state titles, Little River won a then-record 91 consecutive games, which today ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time in Kansas behind Central Plains (138) and Hoxie (107).

Consecutive State Tournament Wins: 12 (tie 6<sup>th</sup> all-time)

State Runner-Up: (2), 1979 (lost to Protection, 53-44); 2002 (lost to Centralia, 47-42). Total of 6 state championship games.

Remaining Four Appearances: (9), 1979, 1985, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2011.

Overall Record at State Tournaments: Won 21, Lost 13.

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Burrton**--Little River vs. bye; Macksville 43, Goessel 39; St. John-Hudson 50, Canton-Galva 14; Burrton 44, Langdon-Fairfield 41; Semifinals: Little River 51, Macksville 35; St. John-Hudson 64, Burrton 27; Championship: Little River 40, St. John-Hudson 39.

Coach's Comments: "First and foremost, our team defense. We have two post players over 6-0 tall."

## **BURLINGAME BEARCATS**

2021-2022 Won-Loss Record: 20-2

School Colors: Purple & White

League Affiliation: Lyon County

Head Coach: Jeff Slater (2<sup>nd</sup> season, 40-5)

Projected Starting Lineup: Isabella Tyson, 5-7, Jr., 2.0ppg/4.9rpg/3.0apg/2.7spg; Kaylin Noonan, 5-9, So., 18.0ppg/8.5rpg/2.5spg/2.3apg; Daelyn Winters, 5-3, Sr., 17.1ppg/4.0apg/5.0spg; Gracie Simmons, 5-7, Jr., 8.0ppg/5.0rpg/1.7apg/1.4spg; Kenna Masters, 5-1, Sr., 5.3ppg/2.6apg/1.4spg. Top Reserves: Emma Tyson, 5-2, Sr., 1.8ppg; Alexandra Crook, 5-11, Jr., 3.0ppg/2.8rpg.

Scoring Offense: 52.6ppg; Scoring Defense: 31.7ppg

Last State Tournament Appearance: None

State Tournament Appearances: 0

State Championships: 0

State Runners-Up: 0

Remaining Four Appearances: 0

Overall Record at State Tournaments: 0-0

**The Trail to Boot Hill: At Olpe**--St. Paul vs. bye; Olpe 36, Moran-Marmaton Valley 35; Burlingame 57, Oswego 29; Madison/Hamilton 48, Colony-Crest 25; Semifinals: St. Paul 45, Olpe 27; Burlingame 37, Madison/Hamilton 31; Championship: Burlingame 44, St. Paul 39.

Of Note: Only 2 losses were to Lebo and Little River without Daelyn Winters in the lineup.

Coach's Comments: "Our team's strengths are playing solid, tough defense, pushing the ball up and down the court. We like to shoot the three-ball, but we also have good inside play. We are a program that isn't filled with a tremendous amount of history and tradition, but this group of girls is certainly creating that by what they have accomplished in their careers this season."