

2021 CLASS 1A-DIVISION 1 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

DODGE CITY | UNITED WIRELESS ARENA

49TH GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP (1973-2021)

THE END OF THE TRAIL

ARRIVES AT BOOT HILL

SEMIFINALS | THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

Olpe 38, Jetmore-Hodgeman County 21

Norwich 54, Highland-Doniphan West 49

CHAMPIONSHIP | SATURDAY, MARCH 13

2:00 P.M., Olpe (24-0) vs. Norwich (21-3)

QUARTERFINAL RESULTS | MONDAY, MARCH 8

Jetmore-Hodgeman County 53, Osborne 41

Norwich 35, Coldwater-South Central 33

Highland-Doniphan West 57, Little River 44

Olpe 91, Rosalia-Flinthills 27

THE FINAL STOP – CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

Olpe Eagles (No. 1 seed)

2020-2021 Won-Loss Record: 24-0

(Winning streak is now at 50 games over 2 seasons); Team won 26 games in 2020 and 24 this season.

League Affiliation: Lyon County

School Colors: Green, Gold & White

Head Coach (Years at School/Record): Jesse Nelson (948-111, 44th season, all with Olpe girls)

Top Players: Marly Heins, 5-7, Sr. (17.0ppg/8rpg/3.5apg/5spg); Macy Smith, 5-4, Sr.

(14ppg/4rpg/4.5apg/5spg); Maya Bishop, 5-7, Sr. (12ppg/8rpg/3.5apg/3spg); Hattie Fisher, 5-5, Sr.

(10ppg/4rpg/2.8apg/2spg); Lauryn Broyles, 5-11, Sr. (8ppg/6rpg); Camille Steffes, 5-9, Sr. (5ppg/2rpg/2apg).

Scoring Offense: 64.7 ppg; Defense: 24.0 ppg.

The Trail to Boot Hill (Sub-State Results): Quarterfinal bye; Semifinal: def. Topeka-Cair Paravel Latin School, 67-19; Championship: def. Burlingame 49-33.

Quarterfinals (at Olpe): Olpe 91, Rosalia-Flinthills 27.

Semifinals: (at United Wireless Arena): Olpe 38, Jetmore-Hodgeman County 21

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2020 (1A: Quarterfinal def. Norwich, 59-43; Semifinals vs. Centralia was cancelled due to COVID). Team finished 26-0.

State Tournament Appearances: 29 (Consecutive 12 (2003-2014; tied 2nd all-time, all classes)

State Championships: (3), **1981, 1A**, def. Randolph-Blue Valley, 60-38; **2010, 2A**, def. Hill City, 60-48; **2011, 1A-I**, def. Hoxie, 63-44.

Championship Game Appearances: 9 (Consecutive 4: 2010-11-12-13; **Tied for 6th best all-time**)

State Runner-Up: 5 (2A, 2004: Lost to Sublette, 66-56); (2A, 2012: Lost to Jefferson County North, 51-40); (1A-I, 2013, Lost to Hoxie, 65-63); (2A, 2016: Lost to Central Plains, 62-51); (1A-I, 2017, lost to Hanover, 50-47).

Remaining Four Appearances: 20 (3 Championships, 5 runner-ups; 8 third-places; 2 fourth-places; and unknown place in 2020 due to cancellation of tournament). The 20th Remaining Four appearance includes the 2021 qualifying.

Overall Record at State Tournament: Won 40, Lost 18. The 40 wins currently ranks 5th best all-time for all classes.

Consecutive Undefeated Seasons (2), 2010-2011; Also undefeated in 1981. A win in the state championship game would complete the second consecutive undefeated seasons with the Eagles being 26-0 last year when the tournament was cancelled before the semifinals. An undefeated season with a win in this year's Championship game would put Olpe alone in teams with undefeated seasons at 4.

Winning Streak: Olpe won 76 consecutive games, now the fourth longest in Kansas girls prep history, from March 14, 2009 when they won the 3rd place game of the Class 2A state tournament, then went 26-0 in both 2010 and 2011 and then won their first 23 games in 2012 before losing to Jefferson County North in the 2A state championship game, 51-40.

Olpe has lost in the quarterfinal round only twice in its history, that in 2008 and in 2019, both in Class 1A. They are 8-2 in third-place games; 3-5 in championship games. Losses came against Sublette when it was in the first of two 26-0 seasons; another vs. Hoxie when it was in the midst of a 107-game winning

streak; and another to Central Plains (2019) when it was in the middle of a 138-game winning streak, that ended in 2020.

Norwich Eagles (No. 3 seed)

2020-2021 Won-Loss Record: 21-3

School Colors: Red, White & Black

League Affiliation: Heart of the Plains/Finished 2nd

Head Coach (Years at School/Record): Mike Klaver (12 years, girls, 216-167)

Scoring Offense: 47.2 ppg; Defense: 27.3 ppg.

Probable Starters: Brittany Gosch, 5-9, Sr., 14.0ppg; Avery Rosenhagen, 5-7, Sr., 9.0ppg; Anna Kyle, 5-4, Jr., 5.5ppg; Kira Kelly, 5-7, Jr., 8.4ppg; Kaitlyn Scott-Welch, 5-6, Sr.

The Trail to Boot Hill (Sub-State Results): Quarterfinals def. Caldwell, 46-12; Semifinals def. St. John-Hudson, 40-36; Championship: def. Pretty Prairie, 46-29.

Quarterfinal game at Norwich: Norwich 35, Coldwater-South Central 33.

Semifinal at United Wireless Arena: Norwich def. Highland-Doniphan West, 54-49.

Last State Tournament Appearance: 2016 (lost to Wetmore, 46-39, in quarterfinals).

State Tournament Appearances: (12), 1975, 1976 (3rd), 1977, 1988 (1st), 1989 (2nd), 1990, 2003 (3rd), 2012, 2013 (2nd), 2015 (3rd), 2016, 2021.

State Championships: (1) 1988: def. Cunningham, 43-37, Class 1A.

State Runner-Up: (2), 1989, 1A (lost to Sylvan Grove, 59-51); 2013, 1A-II (lost to Ingalls, 37-22).

Remaining Four Appearances: (6), 1976, 1988, 1989, 2003, 2013, 2015

Overall Record at State Tournaments: Won 14, Lost 10