



2017 Lady Lion Volleyball, not in order of photo: Ashley Fierro, Kylie Young, Alexis Villanueva, Ashley Carrera, Emily Robl, Carolina Landeros, Tayla Link, Abril Rodriguez, Anna Stansbury, Rebecca Heath, Kassidy Clarke, Alex Keyes, Gabriella Guzman, Brooke Head, Dalainee Bagby, Karime Vargas, Bailey Hollinger, Daci Stover, Brandy Cavazos, Liberty Belote, Kristina Head, Valeria Montanez, Zury Barroteran, Patricia Douglas. Lyons is coached by Amie Kreis. (photo courtesy of Amanda Dawson/LHS)

Lady Lions finish fourth at CKL tourney

The Lady Lion volleyball team had a strong showing at the Central Kansas League Preseason tournament in Pratt last Saturday. After a 3-0 run through pool play, Lyons finished fourth overall. The Lady Lions made quick work of two opponents in pool play, defeating Larned 25-10, 25-22, and downing Hillsboro 25-22, 25-22. Lyons opened the day in a competitive 22-25,

25-15, 26-24 win against Smoky Valley. Lyons continued its perfect run into the quarterfinals with a 21-25, 25-16, 26-24 win against Haven. That pitted the Lady Lions against top-ranked Hesston. The Lady Swathers surrendered just one set all day and handled Lyons 25-8, 25-22. That set up a rematch against Smoky Valley in

the third place match. The Vikings again won the first set, this time winning the match 25-12, 20-25, 25-12. In the championship match, top-ranked Hesston defeated No. 5 Kingman 25-14, 25-15. Nickerson, ranked No. 2 in Class 4A, Div. II, handed Hesston its only set loss of the day, but the Lady Panthers struggled to a seventh-place finish with a win against Haven.



2017 Central Plains Lady Oiler volleyball team

Central Plains loses two, returns big senior class for 2017 season

By MIKE COURSON
The Lady Oiler volleyball team finished with a rare perfect season in 2015. Central Plains lost two key seniors after that, including Taylor Rolfs, the Hutch News Class 2A Player of the Year. If that loss was not big enough, the team also lost head coach Kim Rolfs. All the 2016 team did was win 40 matches and finish second in Class 2A. A different mother-daughter duo led the team

as Lisa Crites posted a 40-3 record in her first year as head coach, and Cassidy Crites earned KVA Class 2A Player of the Year honors. The Lady Oilers defeated Heritage Christian in two sets during pool play of the state tournament, but the Chargers avenged that loss in the championship game. Now the question is back: after losing some key seniors, can the Lady Oilers remain a power-

house in 2017? "We graduated two all-state athletes in Cassidy and Kylee Kasselman," Coach Crites said. "A large senior class steps into these big shoes. We have several players who are moving into different positions as well as some sophomores who are making their debut on the varsity court so we will have a bit of a learning curve coming into

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