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from Yusei Uzawa, scoring Logan Hicks and Jarren Hay. Danny Wideman followed that up with another solo home run to put Butler up 13-9.

Vyas went 4-5 with two home runs, two doubles, and four RBIs. Uzawa finished 3-4 with three RBIs, Ellison went 3-4, two RBIs, and a triple. Manny Dunn hit 2-4 with one RBI, and Danny Wideman rounded things out going 2-5, one RBI, and one home run. Wideman ranks 6th in the NJCAA in home runs with 15 on the season.

Shane Holman started on the mound for the Grizzlies. Holman threw 4.2 innings, gave up nine earned runs and had five strikeouts. Connor Clark (W, 4-1) earned the win for the Grizzlies, his fourth on the season. Clark threw two innings and allowed only one hit, two runs

(zero earned), and struck out one.

### Game 2 (7 inn.) – Hutchinson 12, Butler 1

The Grizzlies could not get anything going against the Blue Dragons in game 2 of the day. Hutchinson scored all 12 of their runs through the first three innings, while the Grizzlies were held scoreless until the top half of the 4th after an RBI single from Logan Hicks, bringing in Holden Lough for the run.

Butler managed just six hits in 28 at bats and struck out four times. Hutchinson gathered nine hits in 27 at bats. The Grizzlies walked 11 Hutchinson batters.

George Hobbins (L, 0-2) suffered the loss for the Grizzlies.

### Game 3 (6 inn.) – Hutchinson 18, Butler 8

After Hutchinson (29-5, 11-1 KJCCC) scored the opening run of the game in the top half of the first, Butler (17-13, 11-5) left fielder Yusei Uzawa led off the bottom half of the inning with a solo homer to tie

the game at 1. With the Grizzlies trailing 6-1 heading into the bottom of the third, Butler ended up scoring four runs in the bottom half of the inning. Tanay Vyas brought in Uzawa and Brady Todd to score off an RBI single. Later in the inning, Kaden Gomez-Gordon doubled to right field for a 2 RBI double, scoring Holden Lough and Jackson Ellison.

The Grizzlies continued to hang around until the 6th inning. Hutchinson led 10-7 heading into the 6th and would go onto put up an eight spot in the inning, now leading 18-7. Jackson Ellison singled through the left side of the infield, scoring Danny Wideman for the only run of the inning, ending the game in six innings.

Hutchinson had 18 runs on 19 hits, while the Grizzlies had eight runs on 12 hits along with three errors.

Whitley Rhodes (L, 2-1) started on the mound for the Grizzlies and suffered his first loss of the season.

### Game 4 (8 inn.) – Hutchinson 17, Butler 5

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theme that “it’s going to take everyone,” the first-year head coach, who spent the previous two seasons coaching in the SEC as offensive coordinator at Texas A&M, bolstered the K-State football coaching staff and support staff over the past three months.

Last season, the K-State football staff included 52 members.

This season, that number has grown to nearly 60 staff members.

“Staff size has grown over the years,” Klein said. “Gene Taylor has been outstanding in positioning and helping us facilitate that. The speed of everything is just faster from an organizational standpoint than it ever has been in college football. The amount of recruiting landscape and scope and net you have to put out, the level of communication that happens throughout that recruiting process, the amount of kids you have on campus at certain times and how you handle all of that, and touch people the way we want to touch them, and impact people the way we want to impact them, and the player development piece is so important.”

Last season, K-State had 11 full-time coaches. Now it has 13. Last season, K-State had five assistant position coaches and analysts. Now it has 13. The recruiting staff increased from seven to 10 members as well. This staff features one graduate assistant coach, five strength and conditioning coaches, seven members in sports medicine/sports science/nutrition, three in football operations, two in video, three in creative and three in equipment.

Klein in particular emphasized the benefits to having a larger recruiting staff.

“We’re going to be a developmental program,” Klein said. “We’re going to continue to dominate our seven-hour radius of recruiting with high school athletes, but we have to develop them faster. I tell our guys all the time, ‘We’re on the 12-to-18-month cycle, not the three- to four-year cycle like it used to be.’ The amount of energy, effort and time it takes to do the job how it needs to be done is so much more than what it used to be and you have to have the right people in the right place and you have to have more of them. There’s a lot of man hours invested in that.”

Klein pleased with the addition of a special Oklahoma State transfer duo

Immediately after Klein was named K-State head coach in December, it was time to go to work. His newly hired assistant coaches arrived in Manhattan and many long days and nights followed. Klein called this transfer portal cycle “one of the craziest two weeks of my coaching career for dang sure just with how fast everything happens in a matter of hours at times.”

K-State came out the other side with a one-two punch out of Oklahoma State that could perhaps rival any transfer duo from a single school in the FBS — sophomore defensive end Wendell Gregory and sophomore running back Rodney Fields Jr.

The 6-foot-3, 255-pound Gregory earned Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honors along with All-Big 12 accolades while being named a semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award. He had 27 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, one pass breakup

and one forced fumble while playing in every game with four starts and seeing time on 419 defensive snaps and 51 special teams plays.

Gregory was the 11th-best edge rusher in the transfer portal by 247Sports, and he was ranked No. 24 among all players in the transfer portal by On3. Gregory said that Texas, Ole Miss, Alabama and Georgia pursued him in the transfer portal.

Now Gregory calls K-State home.

Gregory calls Klein “a great guy” and he heard from new K-State defensive coordinator Jordan Peterson shortly after he entered the transfer portal on December 16. Gregory received a strong endorsement from new K-State running backs coach Cory Patterson, who served as Oklahoma State running backs coach last season.

“Coach Patterson told K-State about me and said, ‘We need this guy,’” Gregory says. “Coach Patterson had nothing but good things to me. All I care about is defensive scheme, development, and how well I’m going to get coached. My position coach, Coach Buddy Wyatt, is a great coach, and he’s put a lot of people in the NFL. I 100% want to be the next one to go to the NFL.”

Gregory, who transferred to Oklahoma State after one season at South Carolina, displayed his skills early in Stillwater. He reached home base early and often as a redshirt freshman last season. In his first game at Oklahoma State, he had three sacks in the season opener against UT Martin on August 28. It marked the most sacks by an Oklahoma State freshman in school history and tied the Big 12 freshman record set by Missouri’s Aldon Smith in 2009.

“I bring versatility,” Gregory said.

Butler got on the board first after a fielder’s choice scored Uzawa in the bottom of the first but after that, it was all Hutchinson.

The Blue Dragons held a 10-2 lead heading into the bottom of the 5th while Vyas brought in Wideman for a run off an RBI single, and in the 6th, Gomez-Gordon hit a two-run homer, his 10th on the season. Those were the final runs of the contest for the Grizzlies, as Hutchinson scored six more runs in the 8th to run rule Butler for the third consecutive game.

Hutchinson hit five home runs and had 15 hits and were walked seven times. Butler had 10 hits in the contest.

Maddux Schrupp (L, 3-2) started on the mound for the Grizzlies and suffered his second loss on the season. Schrupp threw 3.1 innings and gave up four hits, six runs (three earned), walked four batters and struck out three.

“Sometimes I’ll line up as middle linebacker doing stunts with my defensive tackles, and obviously, when I’m off the edge I can go back in space and put the tight end on his butt if I want to if he’s trying to run a route. I’m definitely going to get to the quarterback, so I’m getting off the ball every single play. My versatility is big.”

Meanwhile, Fields rushed for 614 yards and one touchdown and had 28 catches for 276 yards and one touchdown his freshman season at Oklahoma State. His 614 rushing yards ranked sixth among Power 4 freshman, while his 276 receiving yards ranked third among Power 4 freshmen running backs. His 28 receptions ranked third among Power 4 freshman running backs and were the third most for the Cowboys in 2025. Fields ranked sixth in the Big 12 with 98.89 all-purpose yards per game.

His best performance was a 163-yard effort against Cincinnati that featured a career-long rush of 41 yards and one touchdown. His 190 scrimmage and all-purpose yardage total were the most among Big 12 freshmen in 2025, while his rushing total ranked second.

“I’ve been proud of both of them,” Klein said. “Rodney is coming off surgery from last season, so he’s been more limited, and I’m very, very proud of Wendell and how he’s attacked the work. Obviously, he’s extremely talented. He has a great God-given skill set. I’ve been very, very impressed with his motor and how hard he’s worked and prepped himself these past few weeks to put that skillset to work.”

“I’m excited to see how that goes.”

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and advanced to third through productive outs, Limbaugh delivered again with an RBI single to push the lead to 5-2.

Barber continued to work efficiently in the circle, recording a strikeout in the fifth

to strand a BYU runner in scoring position and preserve the three-run cushion.

Kansas broke the game open in the sixth inning with a flurry of extra-base hits. Bailey Amezcua doubled, Limbaugh followed with a run-scoring double, and Cripe added another double to bring home a run. Anna Soles kept the line moving with an RBI single to stretch the lead to 8-2.

September Flanagan capped the inning with a two-run home run, pushing Kansas into double digits at 10-2.

Lizzy Ludwig entered in relief for Barber, who finished her outing after six strong innings and 111 pitches.

Kansas closed out the game to secure the 10-3 victory and the conference series win, finishing with 15 hits, four home runs and multiple doubles across seven innings.

Kansas continues Big 12 play at home this week at Arrocha Ballpark, hosting a three-game series from Thursday, April 2 through Saturday, April 4. First pitch on Thursday is set for 5 p.m. CT. Fans can follow along via live stats, stream the game on ESPN+, or receive real-time updates by following the Kansas Softball official X account.

# High School sports schedule for March 31-April 4

### STAFF REPORTS

Tuesday, March 31

#### Baseball

Derby at Andover, 4 p.m.  
Hutch at Andover Central, 4 p.m.

#### Softball

Derby at Andover, 4 p.m.  
Hutch at Andover Central, 4 p.m.  
Newton at Augusta, 4 p.m.

#### Soccer

Wichita Independent at Augusta, 6:30 p.m.

#### Track & Field

Bluestem TBD

#### Tennis

Andover at Valley Center Invitational  
Andover Central at Emporia Invitational  
Augusta, El Dorado at Wellington Quad

#### Swimming

Rose Hill, Circle, Andover, Andover Central at Andover Aquatics Center, 1:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 1

#### Soccer

Andover, Rose Hill at Goddard Tournament, TBD  
Thursday, April 2

#### Baseball

Flinthills at Bluestem, 4:30 p.m.  
Hutch at Andover, 4 p.m.  
Wichita East at Andover Central, 4 p.m.

#### Softball

Flinthills at Bluestem, 4:30 p.m.  
Wichita East at Andover Central, 4 p.m.  
Valley Center, Wichita East at Circle, 3 p.m.

#### Soccer

Andover, Rose Hill at Goddard Tournament, TBD  
Wichita Trinity at Andover Central, 6:30 p.m.

#### Track & Field

Bluestem at Clearwater Invitational  
El Dorado, Rose Hill at Joe Vann Winfield Invitational, 4 p.m.  
Augusta, Circle at Mulvane Invationals, 3:30 p.m.

#### Tennis

Andover, Andover Central at Andover Tennis, 3 p.m.

#### Friday, April 3

#### Baseball

Rose Hill at Wichita Southeast, 4 p.m.

#### Softball

Rose Hill at Wichita Southeast, 4

p.m.  
Hutch at Andover, 4 p.m.

#### Track & Field

El Dorado, Rose Hill at Joe Vann Winfield Invitational, 4 p.m.  
Andover Central at Junction City meet, 4 p.m.

#### Swimming

El Dorado at Campus, 5:30 p.m.  
Rose Hill, Circle, Andover at Wichita Heights, 3:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 4

#### Soccer

Augusta at Ottawa, 11 a.m.

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 26-11

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS

**WHEREAS**, proper application seeking a Conditional Use Permit by applicant Lynn Birkey, having been timely filed, and all required notices having been given, the Butler County Planning Commission did on March 3rd, 2026, conduct a Public Hearing on said application, and after hearing from all interested parties, examining documents and maps, and being advised by staff, did recommend approval of said conditional use per-

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mit subject to such contingencies, limitations and restrictions as may have been applied, and **WHEREAS**, this Board has reviewed the minutes of said Planning Commission meeting and thoroughly discussed the recommendation made therein to approve said Conditional Use Permit, and **WHEREAS**, this Board has found that approval is warranted; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of auto repair and auto sales is hereby approved for the following described property: **Legal:** Lot Numbered 3, in CHEYENNE MEADOWS, a subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Numbered 28, Township Numbered 27 South, Range Numbered 5 East of the 6th P.M., in Butler County, Kansas.

**General Location:** 10139 SW Haverhill Road, Augusta, KS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Conditional Use Permit for the use of the property for auto repair and auto sales is approved, subject to the following conditions: Section 22-503 - The Planning Commission may revoke any CUP upon finding that a violation of any of the following Conditions has occurred: 1. No more than 10 vehicles can be located on the property at any one time. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the reasons for the recommendation of approval,

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as detailed in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, are recorded as the basis for approving said Conditional Use Permit. **EXECUTED** this 24th of March, 2026 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS /s/Marc Murphy, Chairman **ATTEST:** /s/Tatum Stafford, County Clerk 4422800

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