

Lady Warrior volleyball opens season 3-1

Sterling College Lady Warrior volleyball has opened the season with a 3-1 record with wins over Langston, the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy and Kansas Christian College and one closely contested loss to Peru State on the road.

Sterling will be back in action at the Thunder Invitational at Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kan. on Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Warriors will start against Cottey College at 1 p.m. followed by Central Christian College at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday, Sterling will take on Dallas Christian at 9 a.m. followed by the host school, Manhattan Christian at 1 p.m.

v. KCC

SC made light work in their game against Kansas Christian College with a 3-0 win in the Gleason Center on Monday.

Sterling started the set with a commanding 25-9 win, followed by another 25-6 win and finished with a 25-17 win in the third.

The Lady Warrior's head coach John Harding went deep into his bench, allowing his younger players to get experience while giving his upperclassmen a breather.

Despite only playing two sets, Aliya McClanahan led all players in kills with eight while having a kill percentage of 88.9%.

Right behind her was Kalli Kaser with seven kills.

Emma Butler led the Lady Warriors in assists with 24 while freshmen Brooklyn

Kuster and KcAnna Keiswetter each had a team high six digs.

Chloe Schmidt had a solid performance from the service line with three aces in two sets.

at Peru State.

The Lady Warriors came out of Peru, Neb., 1-1 over the weekend with a commanding 3-0 win over the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy and a tough 3-2 loss to the home team, Peru State University.

Sterling started out hot against UHSP, with a 25-12 win in the first set and continued to dominate with a 25-5 win in the second and another 25-12 win in the third set.

McClanahan proved to be unstoppable on the attack with seven kills and an 87.5% kill percentage. She also totaled four blocks through three sets. Chloe Schmidt and Maddie Lundeen were close behind with five kills each.

Defensively, libero Taylor "Dru" Lindsey led Sterling in digs with 12 followed by setter Keala Wilson with 10. Wilson also had 20 assists through three sets.

In the following match against Peru State, the Lady Warriors came out slow, losing the first set 25-16. Sterling was able to battle back and win the next two sets, 25-23 and 25-20, before losing the fourth set 25-18 and narrowly losing the fifth set 15-13 after being up 13-9.

McClanahan continued to be a force at the net with 12 kills followed closely by Schmidt and Gracie Kirchoff with 10 each.

McClanahan and Kaira Rodriguez also led the team in blocks with five each.

Defensively, Grace Battershell and Lindsey each recorded 17 digs followed by Wilson with 14. Wilson also totaled 39 assists in the contest.

v. Langston.

Sterling started off the season with a 3-2 win over Langston University at home last Thursday.

This back-and-forth battle came down to the wire with Langston winning the first and third set 27-25, Sterling winning the second set 25-23 and Langston winning the third set 25-22. The Lady Warriors outlasted the Lions and dominated the fourth and fifth sets, 25-13 and 15-8.

I was really proud of the girls for continuing

to battle and not getting discouraged when we lost a couple of close sets early on," head coach John Harding said. "I felt like we got better set by set and it was a great first match for us."

Sophomore Chloe Schmidt was big for Sterling at the net, totaling 14 kills throughout the competition, junior McClanahan was right behind her with 10, followed by junior Caitlyn Belote who amassed eight kills and had a team high kill percentage of .238.

McClanahan was also a big defensive threat, with 12 total blocks, five of which were solo. Junior Wilson also had some big blocks for the Lady Warriors with eight on the night. She also proved to be effective from the setter position with 39 assists.

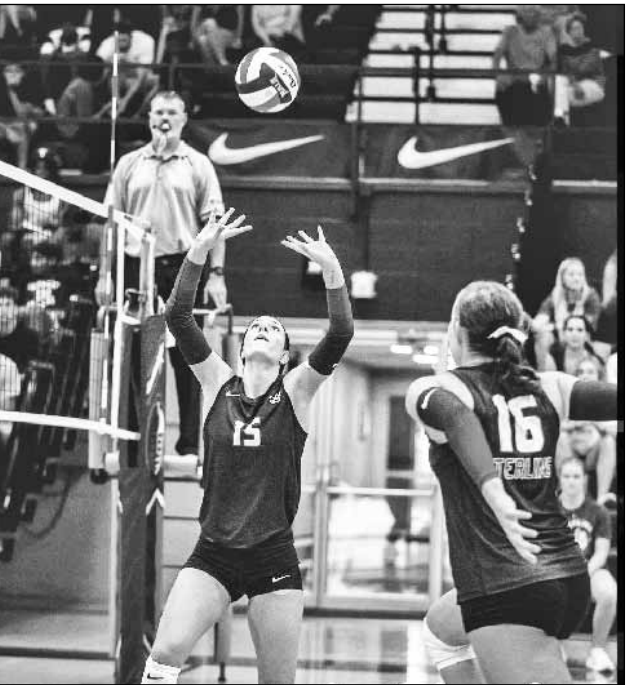


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KEALA WILSON sets Chloe Schmidt in Sterling's home opener against Langston.

In the back court, junior Lindsey held down the fort with 22 digs followed by Kaleigh Guhr with 13 and Battershell

and Wilson both with 12.

Guhr also had a great night from behind the service line with four aces.

NOTICE OF HEARING 2025-2026 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 376 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 6:30 PM at 218 S. 5th St., Sterling, KS 67579 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	4,651,689	20.000	5,021,807	20.000	4,950,184	881,512	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	1,498,000	17.884	1,623,004	17.852	1,691,215	970,002	18.363
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	143,826		101,448		95,453		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	5,076		43,604		29,000		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	531,328		541,831		598,322		
Bilingual Education	14	3,098		2,702		6,126		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	963,690	7.995	460,339	7.993	892,594	412,640	8.000
Driver Training	18	8,094		7,631		15,458		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	376,950		379,724		445,463		
Professional Development	26	20,402		24,536		19,815		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	999,610		1,158,963		1,267,137		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	205,709		181,928		205,207		
Gifts and Grants	35	82,159		210,000		184,468		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	458,655		447,099		517,852		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		32,564		0		
Activity Fund	56	58,760		53,462		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	1,538,582	18.944	1,484,880	18.751	1,488,291	1,214,172	22.985
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES¹								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES								
Less: Transfers	105	1,671,639	64.823	1,851,395	64.596	1,951,173	3,478,326	69.348
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	9,873,989		9,924,127		10,455,412		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	3,177,957		3,283,757		3,478,326		

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*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	125,000	2.507	162,896	2.362	152,900	126,331	2.392
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	125,000	2.507	162,896	2.362	152,900	126,331	2.392
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$3,305,815		\$3,410,240		\$3,604,657		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$45,102,144		\$44,886,724		\$44,075,621		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$50,490,564		\$53,513,787		\$52,824,411		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$48,846,407		\$51,604,844		\$51,580,000		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	18,505,000		17,370,000		16,200,000		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	18,505,000		17,370,000		16,200,000		

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Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Taxes to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$897,734	20.000	\$897,732	20.368	\$881,512	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$955,925	17.852	\$955,925	19.090	\$970,002	18.363
Adult Education	\$0	0.000	\$0		\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$426,011	7.993	\$426,011	8.097	\$412,640	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$1,004,087	18.751	\$1,004,087	19.008	\$1,214,172	22.985
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$3,283,757	64.596	\$3,283,755	66.563	\$3,478,326	69.348
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$2,386,023	44.596	\$2,386,023	46.195	\$2,596,814	49.348

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