

### KS HS State Baseball & Softball Area Team Results

With the school year coming to a close so were spring sports this past weekend as the state tournaments in many sports took place. Two schools from the Delaware Valley League and one from the Big Seven League made the state baseball and softball tournaments this past weekend.

In Class 4A baseball it was the Jeff West Tigers qualifying for the state tournament they earned the four seed and played Ottawa the five seed in the first round to try and continue their season. The 4A state baseball tournament was in Salina at the Dean Evans Stadium and while the Tigers tried their best they fell 7-4 to Ottawa in the first round to end their season 19-4.

Staying in baseball but jumping down to Class 2-1A it was the Valley Falls Dragons making the state tournament as the five seed after winning their regional. Dragons meet up against Syracuse in the first round and came away with a 9-4 win to assure themselves two more games in the season. They would meet up with the number one seed Sedan in the state semifinals and after a scoring show was put on by both teams Sedan came away with a 14-11 win. The Dragons would then vie for third place at state where they played St. Paul for that honor. Valley Falls would end their season with a 8-3 loss in the third place game to finish fourth place at state and end their season with a 18-8 record.

It would be the same outcome for the Oskaloosa Bears softball as was for the Dragons of Valley Falls, that is a fourth place finish at state. After easily qualifying for state out of their regional the Bears earned the five seed in Class 2-1A softball state tournament in Emporia. The Bears blanked their first round opponent Spearville 4-0 to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals Oskaloosa lost to the one seed Udall 7-2; Oskaloosa would finish the state tournament in fourth place after falling 11-0 to Ell-Saline in the third place game, finishing the season 18-6.