

Contest J:

Yearbook Sports Writing



STEP #1

Check the label below. Does it have the correct school and school code on it? If not, please notify the proctor before beginning your work on the contest.

Don't know your code? Two options!

- 1) Please refer to the school code on your contest ticket given to your adviser at registration.
- 2) Please ask the proctor to provide your school code.

LABEL

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| ☐ 1st place | ☐ disqualified |
| ☐ 2nd place | ☐ matched |
| ☐ 3rd place | ☐ spreadsheet |
| ☐ Honorable Mention | ☐ tweeted |

STEP #2

Please enter your name in the blanks below and then bubble in the corresponding letters for each letter of your name. **Note:** Please use the lines below for names with more letters than the bubbles will allow.

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For names with more letters than bubbles will allow (please print)

First name	Last Name

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2019 KSPA State Contest

DIRECTIONS

Failure to follow these directions may result in disqualification from the contest without refund. **Please read, listen and follow carefully.**

1. Please complete the first page of the packet, including your school code and your name using the bubble chart provided.
2. Please take time to write your school code in the top right corner of each page you will use for your writing in this contest.
3. Please do not include your name or the name of your high school on the entry at all. If you do, your entry will be disqualified.
4. Write a yearbook sports story of approximately 300 words.
 - a. Please use the information provided below. The writer should determine which information is relevant and important to the story. Students may write in pencil or pen. Students may use dictionary, thesaurus and/or the Associated Press style manual. The use of personal listening devices, recording devices, cell phones, computers or other electronics is prohibited.
5. When you are finished with the writing, please bring this entire packet to the proctors at the front of the room **and remain at the table until they have checked your entry.**
6. Please leave the room quietly. Congratulations on writing well done!

DESCRIPTION

You are a member of Sunflower High School's journalism staff. Your editor has asked you to write a yearbook sports story using the information provided.

SCHOOL INFO

Name: Sunflower High School

Location: Clinton, Kansas

Mascot: Mighty Buffalo

Enrollment: 800 (grades 9-12)

School colors: yellow and brown

Yearbook: The Sunflower

Newspaper: Sunflower News

Contest Info

This is an on-site contest.

Do not put your name on the entry.

If you do, your entry will be disqualified.

Students must not request help or advice from any person other than the KSPA Executive Director Eric Thomas at

staff@ksponline.org, and that advice must be requested before the start of the contest.

All work must be solely that of the contestant.

Quotes from coach Doug Martin, varsity track head coach

- “It was a big advantage for us to be able to host the regional meet this year. We haven’t hosted in six years, I think, so it was definitely our turn to have the opportunity for that home field advantage. It provided a lot of extra motivation for the kids to work hard to advance from districts.”
- “In the preseason, and even through the first few meets, we spent a lot of time shuffling runners around and trying different combinations to find the best fit that would give us the best chance to succeed. We were lucky enough to find not only one, but a handful of relay groups that have excelled this season.”

An interview with captain senior Emma Morrison (100m dash, 300m hurdles and girls 4x100m relay)

- “Breaking a sub-50 time (in the 4x100m relay) was one of those things we always had in the back of our minds as a goal. The closest we had gotten before that was just under 51, but I guess that extra rush of adrenaline helped to push us over that obstacle. I’m excited to have my name at the top of the record books now, but I’m more excited that I get to share that spot with such awesome teammates.”
- “With this being the first year I actually ran on a relay team, I was a little nervous. I’m so used to the hurdles, but coach saw that as an advantage for me because I know how to get out to a fast start. It translated well to the 4x100 for me as the lead runner.”

Interview with sophomore Danica Lansing, member of the Varsity 4x400m relay team

- “We are a pretty young relay team, but we’ve just clicked so well. I think what works so well for us is that we function as a unit, not as individual runners. Each of us relies on one another and we all hold ourselves accountable to help us succeed as a whole.”
- On the state meet: “It was unreal. I mean, I think we knew we had a good chance to place, but we didn’t want to get ahead of ourselves. Sarah got out to a really great start and everyone had great splits, so it really just happened to be our day.”
- “Once we got a few meets under our belt as a group, I think that’s when we started to think, ‘Wow, we really have a shot at this.’ We just kept pushing and improving little by little each meet and hit our stride at the right time.”

Interview with junior Josh Godfrey (boys 4x100 relay, 100m dash)

- “Knowing it’s been so long since any relay team has made it to state just made it that much more special that a dozen of us got the chance to compete there. Last year, we had the same group of guys in the 4x100 and just barely missed out on advancing to regionals. Since then, we’ve just stayed hungry and kept focused on never stopping or letting up.”
- On state: “I’m not going to complain about a second place finish at state. Obviously we’re super proud of that. But, finishing only a few tenths of a second behind first place does make it sting a little, you know, makes me wonder if we could’ve pushed just a little more or done something a little different.”

Facts from your research:

- Three Sunflower High relay teams advanced to the state meet this year: girls 4x100m, girls 4x400m and boys 4x100-meter. No Sunflower High relay team had ever previously placed first in a state relay and no relay team had advanced to state since 2007.
- The girls 4x400meter relay team is made up of (in order of runners) sophomore Sarah Larson, freshman Annika Sikes, freshman Taylor Shaw and sophomore Danica Lansing.
- The girls 4x100m. team (in their relay order) includes senior Emma Morrison, junior Tasha Baldwin, senior Elisa Hart and sophomore Alexa Bradley.
- Boys 4x100 mtr. team in order: junior Josh Godfrey, senior Grant Hammond, junior Tate Wheeler and sophomore Israel Cortez.
- Senior Joey Rhodes is attending Texas Tech in the fall on a track scholarship.

Info from the season provided by coach Doug Martin

Captains:

Senior Emma Morrison, placed 4th and 2nd in state 100-meter hurdles in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Senior Jonah Waters, 2018 state champion and 2017 3rd place in pole vault

Most improved: junior Caroline Sanchez, this year, her first year on the varsity team, placed first at regionals in the 400m and 6th at state.

Graduating seniors: Morrison, Waters, Rhodes, Hammond, Hart

Key meets for varsity track

2/28 Sunflower High School Invitational

Sr. Emma Morrison: 1st place hurdles

Junior Mikayla Stephens: 1st place in shot put

Senior Joey Rhodes: 1st place in the mile

Girls 4x100 meters: 2nd place

3/18 @ West County High School

Freshman Casey Windsor: 1st place in high jump

Girls 4x100 relay team: 1st place

Boys 4x100: 1st place

4/15 Meet @ East Valley (Conference final)

Rhodes: Mile (4:06.89 – state record)

Girls 4x400 mtr: 1st place

Stephens: 2nd place in shot put

Morrison: 2nd in hurdles

4/23 Regional final meet @ home

Girls 4x400 meter: 1st place (4:02.65)

Girls 4x100: 1st place (50.91)

Boys 4x100: 1st place (44.82 – personal record)

5/1 State Track Meet in Wichita

Girls 4x400meter: 1st place (4:01.32)

Girls 4x100: 1st place (49.87 – state & school record)

Boys 4x100m: 2nd place (45.77)

Rhodes: 2nd place in mile (4:09.31)

