

Highlight of the week was the Top 5 showdown on Friday night between Westlake and Johnson and it didn't disappoint. Johnson took the first two sets then Westlake, with Avery Bashaw feeding Paige Caridi, rallied to take the next three.

In the week's other Top 20 showdown, it was #3 College Park knocking off Kingwood.

Then there were the upsets. Cy Fair started the week at #18 and lost twice to fall out of the Top 20. The Woodlands dropped a five-setter to Katy to take a tumble in the rankings and Plano West became yet another Top 20 victim of Flower Mound Marcus.

Marcus was a team that we had extremely high hopes for to start the season but the Marauders got off to a very slow start. In the last two weeks, however, they have started to show their potential with wins over both Coppell and Plano West.

So thanks to all that, there was shuffling in this week's Top 20.

And there could be more ahead.

This week will start with potential fireworks when #3 Southlake Carroll travels to district rival #10 Coppell and #7 Westlake travels to #14 New Braunfels tonight in what should be wild ones. Also this week are two of the state's best rivalries with Randall taking on Dumas tonight and Amarillo and Tascosa squaring off on Saturday in the state's premier volleyball rivalry.

So with that and more to look forward to, here is this week's ranking of the 20 best teams in Texas.

Texas Top 20

Rank. Team (Record) Last Week

1. Lake Travis Cavs (34-0) 1

Another perfect week for the Cavs with dominating sweeps of Vandergrift and Cedar Park as Amy Neal unloaded for 29 kills on .550 hitting and added 4 aces and 15 digs in the two sweeps.

2. Southlake Carroll Dragons (32-1) 2

The Dragons rolled past Northwest and Denton Guyer without allowing more than 20 points in any set. Tonight they face district rival Coppell in a Top 20 shootout.

3. College Park Cavaliers (23-4) 3

The Cavs had only one match but it was a big one with Katie Mitchell, Taylor Erwin and Michelle Griffith leading a sweep of Kingwood.

4. Cy Woods Wildcats (27-4) 4

Sarah Nielsen had a huge week with 22 kills, 4 aces, 2 digs, 2 blocks and a .435 hitting percentage in sweeps of Cy Springs and Langham Creek.

5. McKinney Boyd Broncos (28-5) 5

The Broncos were simply dominating, sweeping Lakeview Centennial and South Garland by an average of 25-7 per set!

6. Lovejoy Leopards (31-4) 7

In what had potential to be a 3A showdown, the TGCA's top-ranked Leopards blitzed then #2 Argyle behind Andie Malloy and Ebony Nwanebu to open the week then finished with a sweep of Mesquite Horn to close it out.

7. Westlake Chaps (29-5) 8

The Chaps continued to roll along, starting the week with a solid sweep of Westwood then closing it out with the five-set showdown win over Johnson behind Paige Caridi, Cailin Bula, Avery Bashaw and Maddi Williams.

8. San Antonio Johnson Jaguars (28-5) 6

Carnae Dillard ripped 40 kills and Ayssa Garcia had 55 digs as Johnson swept Madison then fell to Westlake in five.

9. Hebron Hawks (21-8) 10

The Hawks were flying high last week, sweeping Plano and Lewisville without allowing more than 20 in any set as Brittany Sample had another huge week with 62 assists while Jenna Allen had 37 kills in the two matches.

10. Coppell Cowgirls (25-6) 13

The Cowgirls were back on track last week with sweeps of Fossil Ridge and Keller Central without allowing over 14 points in any set! Bear Bass had 48 assists while Megan Kennedy and Kierra Holst led the attack.

11. Plano West Wolves (24-6) 9

The Wolves became the latest victim of Flower Mound Marcus, falling in five, after starting the week with a four-set win over Plano East. Laura Jones had a big week with 40 kills while Abigail Curry (59 assists) and Brooke Coleman (42 assist) had big weeks running the offense.

12. Kingwood Mustangs (18-4) 11

The Mustangs started the week taking #3 College Park to four before falling then finished with abominating performance against Conroe with Meredith Rankin leading the offense.

13. The Woodlands Highlanders (24-6) 12

The week started with a thud, as the Highlanders fell to Katy in five but they rebounded with a strong sweep of Lufkin by a 25-9 average.

14. New Braunfels Unicorns (29-5) 14

Only one match last week for the Unicorns, but it was a solid sweep of Corpus Christi Carroll 25-13, 25-8, 25-16.

15. Amarillo Sandies (23-11) 15

Hollie Hawkins had a huge week with 44 kills and 8 blocks as the Sandies started the week with a sweep of Pampa then finished it by taking a trip to New Mexico where they knocked off two of the state's top teams.

16. Cy Falls Eagles (24-4) 16

The one-two punch of Chanell Clark-Bibbs (26 kills) and Alexis Austin (25 kills) had another good week as did the Eagles, who swept Cy Fair and Cy Lakes.

17. Klein Collins Tigers (22-7) 17

Two big sweeps for the Tigers over Klein and Spring Westfield as Molly McCage, Heidi Otto, Tabitha Brown and Kristen Stehling all took turns unloading on the opposition.

18. Friendswood Mustangs (20-4) 19

A solid week for the Mustangs with sweeps of Manvel and Santa Fe as Annie Mitchem, Jill Bergeson and Harley Kelly dominated the net.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Ashley Smith
Clear Creek

The 6-1 junior OH had 57 kills on just 79 attempts in wins over Clear Brook and Brazoswood. She also had 23 digs, three blocks and two aces. The explosive Smith is already nearing the 500 kill mark despite being held off the front row for five matches this season due to injury.

HONORABLE MENTION

Stephanie Aiple, Round Rock
Jenna Allen, Hebron
Avery Bashaw, Westlake
Paige Caridi, Westlake
Alexi Davis, Dumas
Carnae Dillard, SA Johnson
Hollie Hawkins, Amarillo
Taylor Heine, Georgetown
Alexia Heist, El Paso Eastwood
Amy Neal, Lake Travis
Sarah Nielsen, Cy Woods
Rafae Strobos, NB Canyon
Macie Walker, Hutto
Kelsey Weynand, Brenham

PAST WINNERS

Caitlin Noian, Southlake Carroll
Chiaka Ogbogu, Coppell
Amy Neal, Lake Travis
Meredith Rankin, Kingwood
Megan Mollett, McKinney Boyd