

It wasn't a completely uneventful week with a couple of Top 20 showdowns and some rivalry matches to keep things interesting.

Overall, though, most of the state elite continued to plow along as they anxiously await the arrival of playoff season.

As Southlake Carroll coach Arthur Stanfield told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

"There are peaks and valleys in the season. And right now we are at an uninspired point. You kind of have to throw a carrot at (the players). In about two weeks or so when the playoffs get close, they start to regroup and realize the next match could be the last match. But it is a drag right now."

Last week's highlights included College Park's win over Kingwood, and two impressive Cy Woods wins over Cy Falls and Cy Ranch.

One of the more interesting matches was in Corpus Christi where rivals Carroll and King met in the first of two district battles with Carroll winning this one in dramatic fashion, 18-25, 25-20, 25-20, 20-25, 15-13.

Another district showdown involved Lubbock Coronado's sweep of Amarillo Tascosa behind the offense of Kalani Giddens and Katlin Reed.

Also, we need to mention that there is another team making noise in the loaded Region 1. Behind the offense of junior Jordan Anderson, who has only been playing volleyball for three years, and the defense of libero Sam Hawes, Flower mound has won five of six matches in the brutal 8-5A district with wins over Plano West, Plano East, Allen and Flower Mound Marcus. They also have a win over Coppell earlier this season. As a result they move into the Bubble this week.

On a final note, we're starting to get notes on playoff warm-up matches and it looks like there are going to be some juicy match-ups, starting with a potential showdown between #1 Lake Travis and #4 Cy Woods. That will be a war.

So, as we continue to cross the days off the calendar until the playoffs arrive, 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 (39-0) 1

Two more matches, two more sweeps. This time the victims were Marble Falls and Vandergrift as Amy Neal collects 24 kills, Sierra Patrick rips 6 aces and Katy Beals dishes 60 assists.

### 2. Southlake Carroll Dragons (38-1) 2

Once again it was Janelle Jenkins leading the offenses with 24 kills in sweeps of Saginaw and Justin Northwest.

### 3. College Park Cavaliers (29-4) 3

A big week for the Cavs with four-set wins over Oak Ridge and Kingwood as Katie Mitchell rips 36 kills and collects 28 digs, Taylor Erwin scoops up 49 digs and Michelle Griffith hands out 50 assists.

### 4. Cy Woods Wildcats (33-4) 4

Marisa Guzman and Channell Clark-Bibbs took turns leading the Wildcats to sweeps of Cy Falls and Cy Ranch.

### 5. McKinney Boyd Broncos (34-5) 5

Another perfect week for the Broncos with sweeps of South Garland and Rowlett.

### 6. Lovejoy Leopards (36-4) 6

The Leopards opened the week with a blitz of Frisco Lone Star then actually dropped a set in their showdown win over Prosper to close out the week.

### 7. Westlake Chaps (35-5) 7

Paige Caridi, Hannah Baptiste, Avery Bashaw and Grace Weghorst had big weeks in sweeps of Del Valle and Anderson.

### 8. San Antonio Johnson Jaguars (34-5) 8

The Jaguars were living on the edge last week, needing five to get past MacArthur then taking out Madison in four.

### 9. Coppell Cowgirls (30-7) 10

Bear Bass and Sarah Arnold took advantage of all their many weapons last week as the Cowgirls dominated Keller and Fossil Ridge.

### 10. Hebron Hawks (26-10) 11

With Brittany Sample dishing 90 assists, mainly to Jenna Allen, Morgan Allred and Micaela Spann, the Hawks put two big wins in the books against Plano and Flower Mound.

### 11. Kingwood Mustangs (21-6) 12

The Mustangs had only one match last week but it was the big showdown with College Park, a four-set loss despite a combined 32 kills by Alyssa Scherr and Meredith Rankin.

### 12. Amarillo Sandies (28-11) 13

The Sandies geared up for another showdown with Tascosa by sweeping Lubbocks Monterey and High behind Hollie Hawkin, Rylea Kilburn, Lauren Britten, Callie Hill and Adi Loan.

### 13. The Woodlands Highlanders (28-7) 9

One match and it was a tough one as the Highlanders fall to Atascocita in a dramatic five-setter, 15-13.

### 14. New Braunfels Unicorns (34-6) 14

The Unicorns flexed their muscle with sweeps of Wagner and San Marcos without allowing over 20 points in any set.

### 15. Klein Collins Tigers (28-7) 15

Another big week for Molly McCage with help from Kristen Stehling as the Tigers took out Klein Oak and Klein, both in three.

### 16. Friendswood Mustangs (31-4) 16

Jill Bergeson and Harley Kelly led the Mustangs to sweeps of LaMarque and Clear Falls.

### 17. Canyon Randall Raiders (33-4) 18

Libby Strickland, Whitney Hunt and Madalyn Pepper led the Raiders to dominating sweeps of Plainview and Canyon by an average margin of 25-13.

### 18. Dumas Demonettes (32-7) 19

Alexi Davis and Ali Kiewiet continued to overpower defenses as the Demonettes took down Hereford and Frenship to keep pace with rival Randall.

### 19. Cy Ranch Mustangs (22-11) 20

The Mustangs started the week with an impressive sweep of Langham Creek then ran into a Cy Woods buzz saw to close out the week.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**Kat Evans**

**Pearland**

In two big district showdowns, the OH was the go-to player at crucial times for the Oilers, finishing with 33 kills, seven aces, six blocks and 22 digs.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Katy Beals, Lake Travis  
Alexi Davis, Dumas  
Janelle Jenkins, Southlake Carroll  
Molly McCage, Klein Collins  
Katie Mitchell, College Park  
Cassidy Pickrell, Coppell  
Courtney Richardson, Clear Creek  
Rebekah Rightnour, Steele  
Brittany Sample, Hebron  
Jessica Teel, SA Johnson

### PAST WINNERS

Caitlin Nolan, Southlake Carroll  
Chiaka Ogbogu, Coppell  
Amy Neal, Lake Travis  
Meredith Rankin, Kingwood  
Megan Mollett, McKinney Boyd  
Ashley Smith, Clear Creek  
Libby Strickland, Randall  
Katie Mitchell, College Park