



# Kansas Shrine Bowl

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## **Kansas Shrine Bowl Announces 2021 Head Coaches**

*Melvin and King selected to lead 2021 squads*

As the 2020 Kansas high school football season continues, The Kansas Shrine Bowl Board of Directors is excited to announce the selection of our 2021 Head Coaches. DeSoto's Brian King and Norton's Lucas Melvin will serve as the Head Coaches for the 2021 Kansas Shrine Bowl, to be held Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Gowans Stadium in Hutchinson, Kansas. Melvin will lead the West and King the East. The head coaches are selected by a vote of the previous games staff, including fellow coaches, camp directors, trainers, and managers.

Twenty years after competing for the East Squad in the 2000 Kansas Shrine Bowl, DeSoto's Brian King returned as an assistant coach in 2020. Now King will join a rare list of players who have also served as Head Coach in the game. Coach King joins recent coaches, Warren Seitz and Scott Vang who each played in the game, then coached in 2018. King has led a growing DeSoto program to prominence, finishing 10-1 in 2019. The Wildcats are off to a 2-1 start in 2020. Coach King prepped at Onaga before getting his degree in Education from Emporia State. Brian and his wife Audrey have three children Addison, Briggam, and Canton. "I am very honored to be selected as the East Head Coach in the 2021 Shrine Bowl," said King. "Participating in this game is a great honor, as well as a great way for us as players and coaches to serve others while playing and coaching the game we love. I participated in this game as a player in 2000 and a coach in 2020 and I have greatly valued the experience and the relationships I have built during those times. I have a great appreciation for the Shriners and Shriners hospitals and the services they provide and could not be more excited to be participating in this game in 2021!"

In 2020, Lucas Melvin joined a special list of assistant coaches that have had the opportunity to coach their own son in the Kansas Shrine Bowl, as Kade Melvin represented Norton for the West Squad. Coach Melvin will return to the Kansas Shrine Bowl sideline as the Head Coach in 2021. Melvin has led a Norton program to become a consistently dominant program in the West, building a 102-47 record in 13 seasons as head coach. Coach Melvin led the Blue Jays to a 9-4 record in 2019, falling to Nemaha Central in the class 2A State Championship. Norton is off to a 3-0 start in 2020 and are currently ranked #4 in class 2A. Coach Melvin graduated from Colby High School before graduating from Hutchinson Community College and Fort Hays State University. Lucas and his wife Angela have five children, Alec, Miah, Kade, Tyce, and Noah. "I feel very honored and privileged to be chosen as the head coach of the West for the 2021 Kansas Shrine Bowl," said Melvin. "I had a tremendous experience last year and I am looking forward to a great experience this time as well."

"It's a great honor to serve as a head coach in the Kansas Shrine Bowl," said Kansas Shrine Bowl Executive Director, B.J. Harris. "The fact that it is decided on by a vote of their peers is certainly special for our coaches. Our 2020 coaching staffs were filled with quality coaches, any of them would have been great for our game." "Coach Melvin and Coach King each bring tremendous experience and energy and they definitely understand the meaning behind our game," added Harris, "I'm looking forward to working with them this year."

The Kansas Shrine Bowl is an all-star high school senior, East vs. West, football game put on each year by the Kansas Shrine. It is a 501(c) 3 non-profit charity that produces annual events and related activities, with net proceeds benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. The game has been played throughout Kansas each summer for 47 years at host cities across Kansas and will be held in Hutchinson for the first time, Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Gowans Stadium.

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Beginning in 1974, the flagship event has been the East/West All-Star Football Game. As of 2020, the West leads the series with 29 wins, the EAST has 17 wins, and there has been one tie. Notable alumni include former All-Pro Wide Receiver Jordy Nelson, NFL Hall of Famer Barry Sanders, former Kansas State and Kansas City Chiefs Linebacker Gary Spani, former Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl Champion Linebacker Mark Simoneau and many others.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl also includes the Kansas Masonic All-State Marching band camp, held annually at each host site. The week also includes the Kansas Shrine Bowl Cheer Camp, which culminates with performances at each game.

Other bowl weekend activities include, the Kansas Shrine Bowl Appreciation Banquet, the state's largest Shrine Parade, Shriner's Hospitals for Children Free Screening Clinic, Strong Legs Run 5k and Walk, Junior All-Star Challenge, High School Football Combine/Clinic and 4-Man Golf Scramble.

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### ***Kansas Shrine Bowl Past Game Locations***

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>School</b>
1974	Lawrence	Univ of Kansas
1975	Manhattan	Kansas State
1976	Wichita	Wichita State
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1986	Lawrence	Univ of Kansas
1987	Manhattan	Kansas State
1988	Topeka	Washburn
1989	Wichita	Wichita State
1990	Lawrence	Haskell Univ
1991	Manhattan	Kansas State
1992	Topeka	Washburn
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1995	Manhattan	Kansas State
1996	Topeka	Washburn
1997	Hays	Ft Hayes State

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1998	Emporia	Emporia State
1999	Wichita	Wichita State
2000	Topeka	Washburn
2001	Manhattan	Kansas State
2002	Pittsburg	Pittsburg State
2003	Wichita	Wichita State
2004	Emporia	Emporia State
2005	Manhattan	Kansas State
2006	Pittsburg	Pittsburg State
2007	Hays	Ft Hayes State
2008	Emporia	Emporia State
2009	Wichita	Wichita State
2010	Pittsburg	Pittsburg State
2011	Hays	Ft Hayes State
2012	Emporia	Emporia State
2013	Topeka	Washburn
2014	Pittsburg	Pittsburg State
2015	Hays	Ft Hayes State
2016	Emporia	Emporia State
2017	El Dorado	Butler
2018	Pittsburg	Pittsburg State
2019	Dodge City	Dodge City High
2020	Topeka	Hummer Sports Park

## Past Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coaches

### EAST

Year	First	Last	School
1974	John	Davis	SM South
1975	Kent	Rogers	Nemaha Valley
1976	J.W.	Emerson	Manhattan
1977	Ray	Harvey	Parsons
1978	Glenn	Percy	SM East
1979	Len	Mohlman	Bishop Miege
1980	Paul	Dennis	Abilene
1981	Ron	Hill	Arkansas City
1982	Lew	Lane	Manhattan
1983	Gene	John	Fredonia
1984	Larry	Garman	Pittsburg
1985	Tom	Michael	St. Marys
1986	C.J.	Hamilton	Silver Lake
1987	Ron	Bowen	Washburn Rural
1988	John	Garber	Sabetha
1989	Randy	Westfahl	Schlagle
1990	Bernie	Bierman	Baldwin
1991	Kent	Brown	Coffeyville
1992	Rick	Clark	Spring Hill
1993	Mark	Luedtke	Rossville
1994	Dale	Burkholder	Shawnee Heights
1995	Jeff	Meyers	Olathe East
1996	Larry	Garman	Pittsburg
1997	Don	Simmons	Independence
1998	Chuck	Smith	St. Mary's - Colgan
1999	Tom	Stringer	Hayden
2000	Brooks	Barta	Holton
2001	Craig	Crespino	Girard
2002	Leon	Miller	Frontenac
2003	Bill	Lowe	Topeka-Seaman
2004	C.J.	Hamilton	Silver Lake
2005	Tom	Stringer	Hayden
2006	Bob	Lisher	Lawrence Free State
2007	Blake	Pierce	Topeka-Seaman
2008	Matt	Garber	Sabetha
2009	Rod	Stallbaumer	Lyndon
2010	Bill	Arnold	Hayden
2011	Larry	Glatczak	Centralia High
2012	Steve	Buhler	Rossville
2013	Jason	Swift	Shawnee Heights
2014	Joel	Applebee	Mill Valley
2015	Harry	Hester	Cherryvale
2016	Blake	Pierce	Topeka -Seaman
2017	Derick	Hammes	Rossville
2018	Warren	Seitz	Nemaha Central
2019	Walt	Alexander	Topeka
2020	Steve	Buhler	Washburn Rural

### WEST

Year	First	Last	School
1974	Max	Hiebert	Ulysses
1975	Jim	Davie	Wichita Southeast
1976	Phil	Hower	Scott City
1977	Tom	McVay	Derby
1978	Mac	O'Dell	Wellington
1979	Chuck	Porter	Bishop Carroll
1980	Dennis	Cavalier	Wichita Southeast
1981	John	Kendall	Liberal
1982	Steve	Miller	Hutchinson
1983	Ed	Kriwiel	Kapaun-Mt. Carmel
1984	Steve	Miller	Hutchinson
1985	Larry	Wiemers	Clay Center
1986	Mark	Templin	Wichita Southeast
1987	Alan	Haskell	Liberal
1988	Roger	Barta	Smith Center
1989	Paul	Dennis	Abilene
1990	Tom	Young	Derby
1991	Jim	Paramore	Hesston
1992	Dave	Meadows	Garden City
1993	Gary	Cornelsen	Liberal
1994	Bob	Fuller	Wellington
1995	Larry	Mills	Hays
1996	Randall	Zimmerman	Junction City
1997	Monty	Bechard	Belleville
1998	James	Mireles	Ulysses
1999	Dan	Johnson	Wichita Southeast
2000	Tom	Audley	Andover
2001	Dustin	McEwen	Hillsboro
2002	Linn	Hibbs	Wellington
2003	Weston	Schartz	Wichita West
2004	Gene	Flax	Thomas More Prep
2005	Danny	Adelhardt	Hesston
2006	Marvin	Diener	Salina Central
2007	Jason	Kenny	Ulysses
2008	Gary	Guzman	Wichita Southeast
2009	Bo	Black	Great Bend
2010	Randall	Zimmerman	Junction City
2011	Rick	Wheeler	Wichita Heights
2012	Brian	Hill	Garden City
2013	Ryan	Cornelsen	Hays
2014	Steve	Martin	Wichita Northwest
2015	Scott	Moshier	Meade
2016	Randall	Zimmerman	Junction City
2017	Marc	Marinelli	Mulvane
2018	Scott	Vang	Goddard
2019	Tyson	Bauerle	Hesston
2020	Tommy	Beason	Goddard