

Victoria claims victory over Titans

By Jay Kelley
The Triplains-Brewster Titan football team came close, but couldn't close the deal in first round 8-Man Division II football playoff action Tuesday at Victoria.

The Titans fell to the Victoria Knights 40-30 after leading 30-8 early in the second half.

The Titans scored on their first drive on a six-yard pass from Aric Grob to Taylor Barrett.

The conversion failed, but the Titans led 6-0 for the rest of the quarter.

Triplains-Brewster added two

more scores in the second quarter, running up an 18-0 lead before Victoria got on the board. The Titans also answered the Knights' only first half touchdown. A seven-yard toss from Grob to Andrew Starns gave the Titans a 24-6 lead at halftime.

Victoria's offense could move the ball in the first half, racking up 122 yards on the ground and 40 in the air, but key plays in the red zone made the Knights look helpless before the Titan onslaught.

The Titans scored again at the beginning of the third quarter on

another Grob pass. This time his receiver was Jance McKee and again the two-point conversion failed.

The five failed conversions would come back to haunt the Titans as it was the Knights' turn to take the offensive.

Two Victoria touchdowns in the third quarter brought the Knights within six at 30-24 and they were able to take a 32-30 lead with 10:13 left in the fourth quarter. One last touchdown, with 1:16 left in the game, secured the victory.

The Knights shut down the Ti-

tan running game, allowing only 33 total yards on 15 running plays.

Grob was 23-27 for 235 yards. Barrett had eight catches for 110 yards.

Starns had five for 47, Seth Carpenter had two for 46, McKee had three for 36 and Bryant Plummer had two for nine.

The Titans finish the season at 7-3. Victoria (9-1) plays Wilson 3 p.m. Saturday. Wilson (6-3) defeated Ingalls (5-4) 52-48.

In other regional 8-man play, Wallace County-Sharon Springs defeated Palco Tuesday 60-12.

Trojans to finish regular season at Hutchinson

The Lady Trojans volleyball team finish the regular season 6:30 p.m. today at Hutchinson. The Lady Trojans are 25-16 on the season, 6-1 in the conference, and have won seven matches in a row.

According to the Jayhawk Conference, tonight's match is the first round of the district tournament. Cloud County plays at Barton County and Seward County plays at Garden City.

The Region 6 Division 1 playoff will be held Monday and Tuesday.

The Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference released its All-Conference selections for the 2006 season. Colby sophomore outside hitter Ana Kokanovic of Serbia was named to the first team as well as being named the West Division Most Valuable Player.

Also garnering honors for the Lady Trojans were sophomore Cynthia Danthon, second team all-conference, and sophomore libero Kori Tagtmeyer was an all-conference honorable mention selection.

New season

Cole Garcia, left, faces an opponent during his Colby High School wrestling career. Garcia will continue to wrestle in Colby as part of the Colby Community College wrestling team. The Trojans season starts Friday at the Northwest Wyoming Open in Powell, Wyo.



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High school playoff scores

By The Associated Press
Results of some playoff games Tuesday, according to listings by Kansas sports writers and editors:

- CLASS 4A
- Andale 61, Goodland 0
- Ulysses 50, Pratt 14
- CLASS 3A
- Southeast of Saline 36, Norton 14
- Scott City 45, Lakin 12
- Sacred Heart 53, Phillipsburg 26
- Hoisington 41, Holcomb 28
- CLASS 2-1A
- Smith Center 69, Plainville 0
- Oakley 34, Atwood 14
- LaCrosse 48, Sublette 13
- Ellis 61, Lincoln 20
- St. Francis 30, Trego 6
- EIGHT-MAN II
- Victoria 40, Brewster-Triplains 30
- Sharon Springs 60, Palco 12

SportsBriefs

By The Associated Press
PRO BASKETBALL
FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Red Auerbach was buried in a simple graveside ceremony, with Hall of Famers Bill Russell and John Thompson and commissioner David Stern among those paying last respects.

About 150 family, friends and special guests attended the private burial for the NBA great at the King David Memorial Gardens in suburban Washington.

Auerbach, who won nine NBA titles with the Celtics as a coach and seven more as a general manager, died after a heart attack near his Washington home Saturday at age 89.

BASEBALL
MIAMI (AP) — An agent for baseball players illegally smuggled Cuban players into the United States, eventually shipping them to California in hopes that they would be signed by major league teams, federal immigration officials said.

The agent, Gustavo "Gus" Dominguez, is charged with paying four aides to transport the athletes and other Cubans to the U.S. in two trips from the island nation. Dominguez, of California-based Total Sports International, has represented several Cuban baseball defectors, including Andy Morales, who was signed by the New York Yankees and later the Boston Red Sox after fleeing Cuba six years ago.

Also charged in the 53-count federal indictment were Geoffrey Rodrigues, Robert Yosvany Hernandez, Ramon Batista and Guillermo Valdez.

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