

A friendly competition



Colby High School football players practiced plays for special teams Thursday on the field behind the high school. The team has a scrimmage at 8 p.m. tonight at Dennen Field, and its first game is at 7 p.m. next Friday against St. Francis at Dennen Field.

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Brewster team ready for season

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The Triplains-Brewster Titans are gearing up for the season with hard work, a good attitude, and several returning starters. Head Coach Lee Odell, in his second season with the Titans, is excited to be working with this group of players.

"This is a good group of young men, who are working hard despite the heat," he said in an interview Aug. 18. "I'm impressed with their positive attitude, and am hopeful for a good season."

Among the returning starters are Jeray Nichols, Dan Brown, Seth Smith, and Jesse Gaskill. Also returning is Nathan Jorgensen, who will be playing a new position this year as running back. Jorgensen's brother, Jace, is the only freshman for the Titans.

Other new additions to the team include Gus Lamb and Randy Colling, along with some foreign exchange students. Even though the Titans have a small team in numbers, the one-on-one coaching they receive should bring benefits when game-time rolls around. The coaching staff also includes assistant coach William Brown, who brings college experience as a former member of the Hutchinson Community College football team.

The Titans will kick off the season in Brewster on Friday, Sept. 2, as they host the Dighton Hornets for the Brewster Homecoming. Homecoming activities will include a bonfire on Thursday evening and a parade Friday afternoon, with the Homecoming Queen and King crowning taking place at halftime of the football game.

Pitcher leads Royals to win over Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) – Jeff Francis made his first start back home in Canada one to remember.

Francis pitched six-plus innings to win for the first time since July 29, Melky Cabrera homered and the Kansas City Royals beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-6 on Thursday night.

Francis (5-14) came in 0-3 with an 8.27 ERA in his past four outings but was solid in his first career start north of the border. The left-hander, born in Vancouver, British Columbia, improved to 3-0 with a 2.37 ERA in three career starts against Toronto.

J.P. Arencibia and Edwin Encarnacion homered for the Blue Jays, but Toronto lost for the fourth time in six games.

Blue Jays manager John Farrell wasn't around for the finish. He left the dugout in the bottom of the ninth and went to a hospital with muscle pains on his left side, below his rib cage.

Hours later, the Blue Jays released a statement saying the 49-year-old Farrell was diagnosed with pneumonia and released from the hospital. He was expected to rejoin the team Friday.

The Blue Jays managed just three hits against Francis over the first six innings before chasing him in the seventh. Kelly Johnson led off with a single and Arencibia followed with a two-run drive to left, his 20th. Francis left after Mike McCoy followed with a single.

Greg Holland came on and got Yunel Escobar to ground into a force before fanning Eric Thames and Jose Bautista.

Francis, who won just one of his previous nine decisions, gave up two runs and six hits. He walked three, one intentional, and struck out five.

Billy Butler went 4 for 5 with two RBIs and scored twice as the Royals won their first series since taking two of three against Baltimore from Aug. 2-4. It was Kansas City's first series victory in Toronto since August 2002.

Butler doubled and scored in the fourth, singled in both the sixth and seventh and doubled home a pair of runs off reliever Shawn Camp in the eighth. He went 8 for 15 with five extra-base hits to help the Royals win twice in the three-game series.

Local favorite thrills crowd with first victory of the season

By Eric Gaede
Thomas County Speedway

Great weather greeted fans for the second to last races of the year for the Thomas County Speedway Sunday. Ryan Baalman in the Econo class and Bruce Plumisto in the International Motor Contest Association Stock Car class got their first wins of the season. Angel Munoz in the IMCA Hobby Stock class continued his string of wins and Adam Morris got his second win of the season in the IMCA Modified Division.

Modifieds

Morris again took advantage of a front row starting spot to get a great lead and get the win. Shannon Maughlin had a great run but couldn't quite catch Morris and finished second. Brady Coen worked hard to get his third place run battling Nate Moore for several laps with Moore finishing in fourth. Darren Deloach also worked hard for his fifth place run after battling John Fose for several laps. Fose finished in the sixth position.

Stock Cars

Local favorite Plumisto nabbed



ERIC GAEDE/Thomas County Speedway

Bruce Plumisto climbed from his car after winning in the Stock Car class Sunday at Thomas County Speedway. This was Plumisto's first win of the year.

his first victory of the year in the IMCA Stock Car class. The crowd celebrated with him as many fans gathered by the flag stand to congratulate him in victory circle. BJ Wagoner was getting close as the laps were winding down, but didn't have enough to get past

Plumisto. Jason Rogers came in third and Dustin Daniels finished fourth. Nick Tubbs finished top five and Jeff Tubbs finished sixth. Thirteen stocks were on hand.

Hobby Stocks

Munoz is still making life difficult for the other drivers in the IMCA Stock Car class, getting his fourth win in a row at Colby. Jason McIntyre led much of the race but too many cautions allowed Munoz to get past him for the victory. Cody Ghumm had a good run for third and Tyrel Smith finished fourth. John Luckert ran well but the cautions also cost him a few positions with him finishing fifth. It was a very rough night for Cody Pancake and Mike Giesenhagen, as they got tangled up on the backstretch and both got into the wall. Pancake's car rolled after coming off the wall and hitting the guardrail. Hopefully those two can make repairs and be at the next races. Ten hobbies were in

the field.

Econos

The Econo class had a rough start to the races as Joe Harper didn't make it past turn one and rolled as he went off the track ending his night early. Baalman got his first victory in the class at Colby by outrunning Jory Friesen to the checkers. Jason Gray finished in the third spot and Scott McDonald was fourth. Bryan Guyer finished in the fifth position. Ten econos were on hand.

The last races of the year will be Sunday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.

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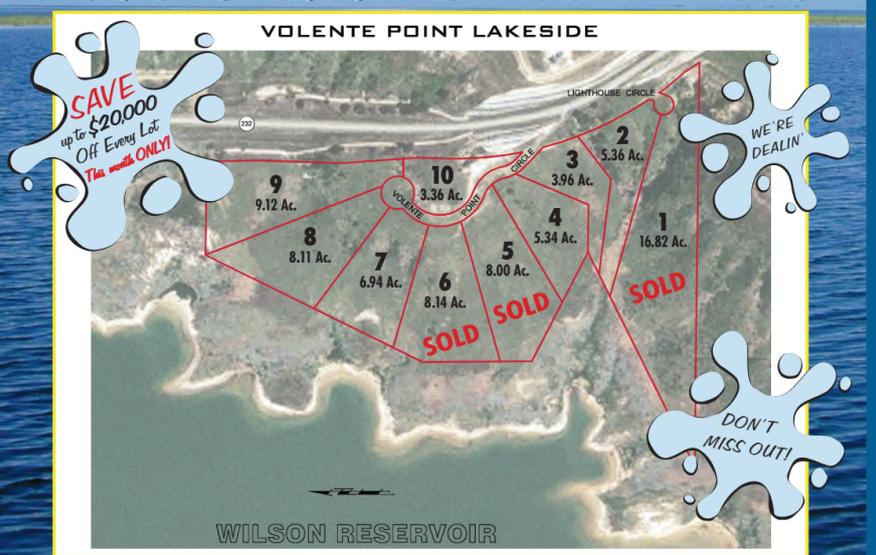
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