

Lady Eagles win at Liberal

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The Colby High varsity and junior varsity teams played in a volleyball quad in Liberal on Tuesday, with each squad winning two of its three matches.

The varsity girls started the quad facing Ulysses. The Lady Eagles won in two close sets, 25-21 and 25-22.

Colby's next opponent was Guymon, Okla., which the girls shut down in two sets as well. The varsity dominated the net 25-13 in both sets.

The home team, Liberal, proved to be a tough competitor and the match went to three sets. Liberal won the first set 25-16, but Colby picked up its game and won the second 25-14. In the final set, Liberal edged out the Colby girls 25-21 to take the match.

The junior varsity squad also had a tough couple of matches. The Lady Eagles played Liberal

for their first match, winning the first set easily, 25-10. The girls then finished off Liberal in the second set, sliding by with a 25-22 win.

The junior varsity met Guymon next and came away with another win after three sets. Colby won the first set 25-20, but Guymon battled back in the second to win 25-18. In the third, the Lady Eagles' whipped Guymon to grab the win 25-8.

In their final match, the girls fought hard against Ulysses, but lost in two sets. Both teams worked hard in the first set, but Ulysses slid by 32-30 for the win. Ulysses continued its strong play and defeated Colby 25-21 in the second set.

Both squads will be on the road again Thursday in Oakley. The girls will play Hoxie and Scott City beginning at 3:30 p.m. The volleyball C-team will hold a home quad at 4 p.m. Thursday where it will play Hays, Norton and Wheatland-Grinnell.

Cross country teams compete in Wamego

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The Colby High varsity cross country team ran in Wamego on Saturday, taking four girls and eight boys to the meet.

Coach Chris Giersch said due to illness, he could only run four girls and the squad couldn't receive a team score.

"You have to have five runners to have a team score," he said.

Giersch said 13 girls teams were at the meet with enough runners to have team scores, with 93 runners who completed the race.

"This meet is the largest invitational meet we attend during the cross country season, and the atmosphere is much like a regional meet," Giersch said. "I could tell that our girls were very nervous at the beginning of the race, but settled in and gave us a strong effort."

Freshman Andrea Brown finished ninth with a time of 16 minutes, 33 seconds. Sophomore Bridget Bickner came in 46th with 18:11, sophomore Taylor Lemman 66th with 18:58 and freshman MaKayla Hoffman 93rd with 23:29.

"Andrea was the only freshman runner placing in the top 10," Giersch said. "Bridget Bickner ran a very strong race and was just a few places out from earning an individual medal. Taylor Lemman ran well, equaled her time from last year and finished in 66th place."

"Taylor was our only girl runner with any experience on the Wamego course. MaKayla Hoffman, probably our least experienced runner, did well for her first competition in a meet such as this and she was our final finisher."

In the boys division, he said there were 17 teams and 114 runners. The Colby boys ended up with a team score of 347, finishing in 15th place.

Giersch said from the eight boys running in this competition, only half ran there last year.

Team members who ran at Wamego last year, he said, were

senior John Faber, sophomore Aaron Faber, senior Wyatt Binder and senior Brad Schroeder.

John Faber took 31st with 18:14, Aaron Faber came in 48th with 18:53, Binder 98th with 20:43 and Schroeder 106th with 21:27. Giersch said that because of the large number of competitors, medals were given to the top 40 runners.

"John Faber finished much stronger than he did at Goodland and was our only medalist," he said.

New runners to the Wamego course were sophomore Alec Onstad, junior Michael Schiferl, junior Marc Bremenkamp and senior Brady Rose.

Onstad finished 83rd with 20:04, Schiferl 89th with 20:11, Bremenkamp 104th with 21:21 and Rose 111th with 22:12.

"Michael Schiferl has never run cross country before this year, and he showed a very strong performance, also improving his time from the meet at Goodland," Giersch said. "Marc Bremenkamp, a second-year runner, and Wyatt Binder, a senior and more experienced runner, continued to improve. These two runners posted improved times in the Wamego meet than what they ran at Goodland."

The Colby junior varsity squad took eight runners, two girls and six boys, to the Quinter meet on Sept. 6.

The girls did not receive a team score, but the boys finished in fourth place with 46 points.

Sophomore Cameron McLaughlin took 10th with 23:47 and junior Maura Hansen was 12th with 23:51 for the girls.

Senior Blake McNinch finished ninth for the boys with 22:46, senior Matt Dickman was 13th with 23:46, senior Zack Stones 20th with 25:20, senior Austin Rogers followed in 21st with 25:37, junior Connor Schwanke 23rd with 26:01 and junior Josh Lemman 27th with 27:58.

Both squads will run their next meet at 3:45 p.m. Thursday in Hays.

Forcing the fumble



MICHELE WERTH/Brewster Schools
Michael Schmidt (left) and Seth Smith forced Northern Valley Brewster Titans varsity football game in Brewster. player Eli Lowry to fumble last Friday night during a Triplains-

Junior high Titans beat Bulldogs 30-6

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The Triplains-Brewster Junior High Titans played their first game of the season on Thursday in Rexford, defeating the Golden Plains Bulldogs 30-6.

The Bulldogs received the ball on the opening kickoff, and had little trouble moving it down the field toward the goal line. Despite fumbling three times, the Bulldogs still managed to score first, and led 6-0 with 18 seconds left in the first quarter.

Jacob Benham, Verlin Plummer, Hudson Stramel, Jaden Schmidt, Austin Rivera, J.B. Felzien and Tad Holm all had key tackles.

The ensuing kickoff by the Bulldogs was fielded by Schmidt on the 20-yard line. Schmidt ran over several Bulldog defenders on his 60-yard dash for the Titans' first touch-

down. The extra point attempt was successful, as Felzien ran into the end zone for 2, and the Titans took the lead 8-6.

The Bulldogs received the ball at the start of the second quarter, but the Titans' defense remained strong, and they took over after an unsuccessful Bulldog fourth-down attempt. After a short run by Felzien, quarterback Schmidt ran 40 yards for another Titan touchdown. A pass from Schmidt to Holm for the extra points was complete, and the Titans extended their lead to 16-6.

Once again, the Bulldogs moved the ball down the field, but were brought up short by the tough Titan defense. The first half came to a close with the Titans leading by 10.

The second half started with the Bulldogs kicking off to the Titans, and behind blockers Felzien and Holm, Schmidt once again ran the ball back for a Titans touchdown. Schmidt ran into the end zone for the extra points, and the

Titans led 24-6.

On the ensuing kickoff by Schmidt, the Bulldogs' receiver ran the length of the field, heading for the goal line, but Holm tackled him on the 1-yard line to keep the Bulldogs out of the end zone. On the next play, the Bulldogs fumbled and the Titans recovered on their own 3.

Schmidt pitched out to Stramel on the first play from scrimmage, and he sprinted to the 20 for a Titans first down. Schmidt then ran the ball to the 35, and on the next play, a fumble was picked up by Stramel, who ran into the end zone for the final Titans touchdown. With injuries plaguing the Bulldogs, the game was called, and the Titans claimed the victory, 30-6.

The Titans next game was scheduled for Monday at Weskan, when they were to take on the Sharon Springs-Weskan team.

Triplains-Brewster volleyball team loses to Winona

The Triplains-Brewster high school volleyball team played three matches on Sept. 4 in Winona and one last Friday in Brewster.

The Lady Titans lost their first

match in Winona in two sets to Golden Plains, 25-9 and 25-10.

The girls then won their next two matches. Against Tribune, Triplains-Brewster won 25-10 and

27-25. Against Heartland Christian, the Lady Titans won again in two sets, 25-19 and 25-20.

Last Friday, Triplains-Brewster faced a tough opponent in North-

ern Valley and lost in three sets. Northern Valley won the first set 25-18, but the Lady Titans came back to win set two, 25-19. Northern Valley closed out the game,

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