



ANGELA RITTER

Seventh grader Kaylie Schaben dribbled the ball out of a Lady Titans trap in a game against Triplains-Brewster on Nov. 9. The B-team girls won both of their games in the Brewster pre-season tournament and their game in Logan on Nov. 15.

Middle school girls squad kicks off season with win

By Shania Finlay
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The Golden Plains Middle School girls basketball team traveled to Logan to take on the Lady Trojans in their first game of the regular season. To start the game off Nov. 15, Morgan Ritter put up 2 points at the beginning of the first quarter for the A-team. The Trojans held the score even, putting up 2 points as well. In the second quarter, the Lady Bulldogs played hard, but the Lady Trojans' offense proved to be strong and they came out on top with the score 10-6 at halftime. In the second half, the Lady Bulldogs continued to play tough and put another 6 points up on the board, but in the end were defeated by the Trojans 18-12. Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Morgan Ritter with 5, Gabrielle Schiltz 4 and Kellee Snyder 3. The B-team was more successful, beating the Lady Trojans 36-12. In the first quarter, newcomer Maggi Nieman drained three baskets making 6 points for Golden Plains. Kaylie Schaben and Kay-Cee Miller added 2 points each for a 10-7 lead. In the second quarter, the Lady Bulldogs threw

up another six points, all from Miller, leaving the score at 16-9 Golden Plains at the half. In the third quarter, the Lady Bulldogs offense stepped it up, scoring 15 points, including 6 from seventh grader Sierra Finlay, another 6 from Nieman and a three-point shot from Miller. The defense held the Lady Trojans to 3 to hold a 31-12 lead. In the last quarter, the Lady Bulldogs held their lead, putting a final 5 points on the board from Finlay, Schaben and Jennifer Esparza for a final score of 36-12. "This is my first year of basketball at Golden Plains," seventh grader Nieman said. "From the first practice, I could see the team work we have, and I am very proud to be a part of the team." Nieman finished the game with 12 points. Miller had 11, Finlay 8, Schaben 3 and Esparza 2. The C team played a quarter in Logan. It went pretty smoothly for the Lady Bulldogs, with a basket each for sixth grader Paris Bailey and seventh grader Esparza. The ending score was 4-0, another win for the Bulldogs. The Lady Bulldogs played their first home game Tuesday in Rexford against the Triplain-Brewster Lady Titans.

Area players chosen for all-league teams

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Western Kansas Liberty League coaches met last Monday to select the 2012 All-League football and volleyball teams, which included both Golden Plains High School and Triplains-Brewster players. On the First Team offense All-League football team for Golden Plains are senior running back Andrew Luna and junior tight end/receiver Tristan Schwarz. Triplains-Brewster players selected are junior guard Seth Smith and senior kicker Phil Kulas. On the Second Team offense for Triplains-Brewster is senior tight end/receiver Michael Schmidt. Honorable mentions went to Golden Plains senior

tight end/receiver Jose Bermudez and Triplains-Brewster junior running back Nate Jorgensen. Triplains-Brewster's Smith was selected to the First Team as a defensive back. On the Second Team defense is senior defensive lineman Camron Spreser and Bermudez, as a defensive back, both of Golden Plains. Honorable mention went to sophomore defensive back Benny Martinez, Golden Plains, and Schmidt, Triplains-Brewster, as a return specialist. Several players were selected for the All-League volleyball team. From Golden Plains, junior Hailee Spreser, junior Kylie Jones and junior Jordan Christensen made the team. For Triplains-Brewster, junior Brittany Plummer and sophomore Shayna Rogge were honored.

Quarterback sharp; Broncos defeat Chiefs

By Dave Skretta
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — You won't get much argument from Broncos coach John Fox about the value of a solid starting quarterback. You probably won't get much from Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel, either. Not after they stood on opposing sidelines and watched Peyton Manning go to work. The four-time MVP was wooed by both franchises when he was cut loose by Indianapolis, but he never gave Kansas City much thought. Instead, he signed with its AFC West rival, and is now putting together one of the best seasons of his career for Denver, all while Kansas City flounders behind the revolving door of Brady Quinn and Matt Cassel. The difference on Sunday was

striking: Manning threw for 285 yards with touchdowns to Jacob Tamme and Demaryius Thomas in a 17-9 victory, the Broncos' sixth straight. Quinn threw for just 126 yards with an interception as Kansas City lost its eighth straight game. "Peyton Manning is a Hall of Famer," Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson said. It allowed Manning to break a tie with his boss and Broncos vice president John Elway with his 149th win as a starting quarterback, trailing only Brett Favre (186) for most in NFL history. Naturally, Manning was quick to pass the praise to someone else. In this case, it was Knowshon Moreno, who ran for 85 yards after stepping into the starting lineup this week after Willis McGahee landed on injured reserve. Jamaal Charles ran for 107

yards, but the Chiefs (1-10) were done in by penalties, missed opportunities and a conservative approach that has not yielded a touchdown since the first quarter against Pittsburgh on Nov. 12, a span of more than 11 quarters and 173 minutes. They could only manage field goals by Ryan Succop for the second straight game. Kansas City actually established an early lead for the third straight game on Succop's first-quarter field goal, and seemed to be outplaying Denver (8-3) the entire first half. They had a chance to go ahead 10-0 when they faced fourth-and-2 at the Denver 4, but Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel elected to kick another field goal against a team that had scored at least 30 points in five straight games, drawing a chorus of boos from the crowd.

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