

Remember the Titans in chase for fall titles

Editor's Note: Today begins a series of preview stories about area fall sports varsity teams appearing in the *Free Press* during these next two weeks. Bonnie Holm supplied today's report about the Triplains-Brewster Titans.

The Triplains-Brewster Titans have been busy on the field, in the gym, and on the road as they prepare for their upcoming fall sports season.

The Titans' football team, coached by Tony Stramel and assisted by Michael Collett, have been working on a new offense in preparation for what looks to be a great season.

Stramel is excited about returning players, including seniors Nathan Jorgensen, Seth Smith, Rook Shaw, Justin Culwell and Tony Aguilar.

This big, strong group of seniors should give sophomore quarterback Ryan Gfeller and the offensive backfield and receivers plenty of time to run and pass successfully.

Juniors Jace Jorgensen and C.J. Felzien are also returning. Jorgensen saw plenty of action last year as one of the Titans' running backs.



Triplains-Brewster Coach Tony Stramel, right, directs his team through another afternoon practice as the Titans prepare for their football season opener on Sept. 6.

The rest of the team are sophomores Justin Schmidt, Nate Brown, Takoda Turner, Colton

Rogge, Skylar Hansen, and Taylor Stramel with freshmen J.B. Felzien, Hudson Stramel, Jaden

Schmidt and Tad Holm joining the Titans for the first time. Coach Stramel stated that his

goal this year is to promote teamwork.

With strong leadership from the upperclassmen, he has high hopes for a very successful season.

The Titans open their season on Friday, September 6, against the Western Plains Bobcats.

This game will kick off at 7 p.m. and be Triplains' Homecoming.

Volleyball

In the gym, first-year head volleyball coach Audrey Schnurr is motivating 21 high school volleyball players into the winning team she knows they can become.

The Titans return a strong, seasoned team, after losing only one senior last spring.

Schnurr is concentrating on confidence and a positive attitude to help her team win on the court.

Assisted by Bailee Collett, the coach hopes Triplains-Brewster can win more tournaments this year.

They placed third in a majority of their tournaments last season.

Schnurr is excited about the chemistry of the team, and commented that the students from both Triplains and Brewster have really joined into creating one Titans team.

Opening action for the Titans will be at 3 p.m. next Friday, Aug. 30 with Palco providing the opposition.

Cross country

The Brewster cross country team has been hitting the road, as they race to get into shape for their season.

Coach Shea Rothchild has three runners this year and is excited about their prospects.

Returning are junior Layton Werth and sophomore Takoda Turner.

Werth won a medal in the state cross country championship meet last fall, and has been working hard all summer to improve his time.

Turner placed in many JV meets last year, and has double duty since he is also participating in football.

Quinn Clymer joins the team, and already shows a lot of promise as a tough competitor.

Rothchild is proud of the work the team has done so far, and is looking forward to a very successful year.

First action for the Bulldog cross country team is at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, in the Leoti Invitational.

Aiming for an ace



Madison Rogers served during Colby High practice recently.

Eagles will debut against intense visitors

A trio of tough area foes should fire up Colby High School's season-opening volleyball "C" team quadrangular set for Thursday, Sept. 5.

CHS Activities Director Larry

Gabel released the schedule Friday morning.

Oakley, Norton and Thomas More Prep from Hays are three teams that will try to spoil Colby's home openers.

The action begins at 4 p.m. with these six matches scheduled:

East Net

Colby vs. Thomas More Prep; Colby vs. Norton; Colby vs. Oakley.

West Net

Norton vs. Oakley; Thomas More Prep vs. Oakley; Norton vs. Thomas More Prep.

Admission prices will be \$4 for adults with students paying \$3.

Former Bronco hero's future is uncertain

DETROIT (AP) — New England Patriots third-string quarterback Tim Tebow didn't play in the team's 40-9 loss to the Detroit Lions on Thursday night, creating uncertainty about his chances to earn a roster spot.

Lions fans chanted "Tebow! Tebow! Tebow!" with about 10 minutes left in the game, and later

booed when Patriots coach Bill Belichick stuck with No. 2 quarterback Ryan Mallett.

Starting quarterback Tom Brady played the entire first half, while Mallett stayed on for the second half.

"You prepare yourself and be ready for whenever your number is called. There's nothing else to

it," Tebow said after the game.

Belichick didn't go into detail about why the Patriots played just two quarterbacks, which leaves Tebow one final chance to lock up a roster spot -- the preseason finale Aug. 29 against the visiting New York Giants.

That assumes former Denver quarterback Tebow is still with

the club past Tuesday, when teams must trim their rosters to 75 players. The Patriots currently have 84 players.

"You just prepare, and whatever you're asked to do, you do at 100 percent, with everything you have," he said. "You want everything to go well, but it's not. There are going to be ups and downs."

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