

# Noisy visitor can't spoil Titans' celebration



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Triplains-Brewster senior Nathan Jorgensen shook loose from Wheatland-Grinnell tacklers for 100 yards on 12 carries during the Titans' 44-12 Homecoming win at Brewster Friday evening.

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Crashing and booming kept the neighbors awake while letting everyone know this Triplains-Brewster Friday night "party" was carrying into Saturday.

Local law enforcement could nothing to stop it.

In fact, they were probably among many still cheering Saturday afternoon.

Not only did Brewster withstand an ominous thunderstorm, their Titans returned to finish a 44-12 Homecoming triumph over Wheatland-Grinnell.

The overnight weather delay could not wash away a 303-yard rushing attack. Senior Nathan Jorgensen (12 carries, 100 yards) and sophomore Ryan Gfeller (16 for 110) both rumbled past the century mark with an average of more than seven yards per attempt.

This duo delivered three touchdowns behind teammates' terrific blocks, and junior Jace Jorgensen (16 carries, 69 yards) added two more TDs as TriPlains-Brewster evened its season record at 2-2.

Meanwhile, senior Seth Smith celebrated his final Homecoming with a team-leading 10 tackles.

He ruined anyone's idea that a team nicknamed Thunderhawks would enjoy this stormy evening on the plains.



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A Triplains-Brewster Titan delivered perfect tackling form during this first-quarter play Friday evening.

Even when Wheatland-Grinnell did soar for an early 28-yard touchdown pass, Smith promptly stuffed the ensuing two-point run to keep a lead of 14-6.

The winless Thunderhawks (0-4) really never threatened to spoil this celebration again.

Both Jorgensen had already scored first-quarter TDs. Jace rumbled about 20 yards to pigskin paradise barely three minutes into this game.

Less than three minutes later, Nathan dashed around left end to give Triplains-Brewster a quick 14-0 lead.

Now it was time for younger Titans to join the end-zone fun. The 5'7", 140-pound Gfeller can be

tough to catch, and his nine-yard option run regained breathing room with a score of 20-6.

The Thunderhawks were moving again until Gfeller decided it was time to catch a pass. His leaping interception of a fade pass stopped Wheatland-Grinnell inside the Titans' 15.

Triplains-Brewster momentum clearly became unstoppable at this point — even as dark clouds appeared from the northwest.

The Titans quickly marched more than 65 yards, capped by a perfectly-blocked counter play that Nathan Jorgensen carried 34 yards to his second Homecoming touchdown.

Sophomore Coleton Rogge caught the two-point pass for a 28-6 Titans advantage about 90 seconds before halftime.

The game was stopped at that point due to lightning. Heavy rain began within about five minutes after the game was stopped.

Triplains-Brewster finished the 44-12 win Saturday afternoon. Jace Jorgensen ran to another TD and sophomore Justin Schmidt caught a Gfeller scoring pass.

Other Titan leaders in the Homecoming victory:

Rushing: Justin Schmidt 3 carries, 14 yards.

Receiving: Schmidt 5 catches for 66 yards, Rogge 2 for 2, Nathan Jorgensen 1 for 3.

Quarterback sacks: C.J. Felzein, Fred Schertz, Smith and Tony Aguilar each had one.

Watch for Homecoming photos and final details later this week.

## Huguton Eagles run past Colby, 56-0

The future definitely arrived too fast for Colby High at Huguton Friday night.

With injuries sidelining some key veteran players, the Eagles were forced to play more freshmen than planned while absorbing a 56-0 setback.

Huguton (3-1 record) reached this point total despite penalties that erased three first-half touchdowns.

"Even before the injuries, we didn't get off the bus like I had hoped," Colby coach Chris Gardner said. "Our young guys played hard, but it was tough. Guys were playing out of position. Another guy would go down (to injury) and we'd say 'how about him?'. Then we'd realized he was already in for someone else."

Senior linebacker/running back Andrew Taylor and sophomore linebacker Garrett Rose were among the Colby Eagles injured during this contest.

Junior leading rusher Ben Matchell — who delivered a kickoff return touchdown against Ulysses one week earlier — did not play at all Friday due to injury.

Their status remains uncertain for upcoming games like Friday's road trip to Holcomb.

"Holcomb's not going to care about what happened," Gardner said. "We just have to go on and get back to work."

Huguton will try to roll on from a 459-yard rushing effort against Colby. Ross Davis led the attack with nearly 10 yards per carry (14 for 138).

Quarterback Yates Sutton shook



loose to two first-quarter touchdowns, including a 43-yard run just one play after penalties wiped out a previous TD.

Another potential Huguton score was stopped thanks to sophomore Brady Holzinger's touchdown-saving tackle.

Mitchell Persinger's 18-yard fumble return still added to the barrage which reached 28-0 by in-

termission.

Colby (0-4 record) only allowed one third-quarter score, but Huguton added 20 points on three fourth-quarter journeys to the end zone.

Official stats were not available by Monday's press deadline. Unofficially, reports indicated that Colby only finished with about 30 yards of total offense.

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Huguton Hermes

Seniors Austin Boehme (53) and Andrew Taylor (29) appeared ready to make a Colby Eagle sandwich of this Huguton ballcarrier during varsity football action Friday evening at Huguton. The rival Eagles did eventually rush for more than 400 yards while raising their record to 3-1 this season. Colby slipped to 0-4.

## Weskan tops Bulldogs

Senior Grant Spesser's 21-yard touchdown run highlighted an otherwise rough 52-6 Golden Plains Homecoming loss to Weskan Friday evening.

The undefeated Coyotes (3-0) took charge with senior Tyler Compton's three touchdown runs. Weskan scored 20 fourth-quarter points to finish its third consecutive win.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs slipped to 1-3 this season and dropped two since an exciting 44-42 comeback victory over Healy-Western Plains on Sept. 13.

More details about the Bulldogs will be featured later this week.

Golden Plains will visit Bird City for its next game against Cheylin starting at 7 p.m. on Friday.

## Senior's four touchdowns lead third Crusader victory

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Warning to all football teams who score first against Heartland Christian this fall:

Don't celebrate for long. Better yet, try not to even blink. Because few leads disappear faster than when senior Blaine Wertz fields the ensuing kickoff. Here he comes. There he goes. And oh my, he's long gone. Touchdown!

For the second consecutive week, Wertz took that kickoff to six-point paradise and Heartland Christian really never looked back.

Wertz's first of four touchdowns and more than 330 all-purpose yards fueled a 55-28 Crusader victory over Western Plains Friday night in Healy.

"He's fast," coach Steve Ziegelmeier said again about Wertz, whose 70-yard kickoff return ignited a third Heartland Christian

win this season.

Western Plains actually kept pace through the first half and went into intermission tied 22-22.

However, the Crusaders once again proved to be a very strong second-half team.

Matt Wertz's 13 tackles were a big reason why the home team only tallied six points after that break.

"Matt added two sacks, and we had a lot of pass breakups," Ziegelmeier said. "Sean Sullivant was very active in just his second game with us. Our defensive backfield came alive."

Defense also delivered one score when sophomore Caleb Morris "scoop-and-scored" with a Western Plains lost fumble.

Brennan Ziegelmeier rushed for two more Crusader TDs, and fired one scoring strike to brother Brook Ziegelmeier.

Both Ziegelmeier added two-point conversion runs which added to the latest high-scoring Heartland Christian effort.

Wertz even kicked an extra point.

"We improved a lot in the second half," coach Ziegelmeier confirmed. "Our toughest games are coming up, especially our next two."

Heartland Christian travels next to a neutral site at Otis Bison Friday night, where the Wichita Warriors await for this 6:30 p.m. contest.

Upcoming events:

**Monday**  
JV football: Huguton at Colby, 5:30 p.m.  
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Junior high volleyball: Colby Triangular, 4 p.m. (8th grade)

**Tuesday**  
Tennis: Colby Invitational, 3 p.m.  
Golf: Colby at Ulysses, 10 a.m.

Volleyball: Brewster at Sharon Springs Triangular, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: Golden Plains at Heartland Quadrangular, 4 p.m.  
Cross country: Colby, Brewster at Oberlin Invitational, 5 p.m.

Junior high volleyball: Colby at Holcomb, 4 p.m.

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