

Brewster/Winona Titans



FRONT ROW L-R: Krystof Spurny, Case Rundel, Aric Grob, Andrew Starnes, Michael Collett, Seth Carpenter, Tad Sheets, Seth Ackerman, Brett Gfeller, Spencer Holm. **MIDDLE ROW L-R:** Lane Ochs, Braden McKee, Chris Williams, T.J. Preston, Boone Moser, Clay Rogge, Doug Hemken. **BACK ROW L-R:** Sam Smith, Clint Rogge, Corey Siruta, Jeff Reid, Taylor Barrett, Jance McKee, Ethan Kammer, Bryant Plummer.

Brewster, Triplains combine football teams

By Jay Kelley
Colby Free Press

The combined Brewster and Triplains (Winona) high school football team was introduced to fans Friday at the annual hot dog and watermelon feed sponsored by the Brewster Lions.

The merged team will be known as the Titans, and those who had a part in the combination are very pleased with the result.

“By the end of camp (in June), you couldn’t tell who was from where,” said coach Beau Sheets, a

math instructor at Colby High School. Assistant coaches are Mark Penka, a history teacher at Triplains, and Jesse Vincent, administrator at Heartland Christian School in Colby.

Sheets has been head coach at Brewster for three years, and Penka has been the assistant coach at Winona for two years. Vincent was an assistant at Colby for four years, and two as defensive coordinator.

The friendship was evident at the event Friday. There was no separation by school and no way to tell the

players apart. There was good fellowship among the players, parents and the fans of both towns.

Dave Porter, superintendent at Triplains, said the joining started with a request from Brewster two years ago to combine the junior high school football teams because of low enrollment.

Things went well enough, he said, that he and Brewster Superintendent Sherri Edmundson decided to look into combining the high school teams.

Brewster had 14 boys out for

football last year and Triplains had eight for most of the season after an injury sidelined one player. This year’s team has 24 players, giving the coaches more options to rest players and use reserves.

The team will continue to play 8-man football.

The students at both schools chose the mascot last year from a list of possibilities.

The colors will be columbia blue and cardinal red, which are the colors of both schools, and the insignia will be a combination of the

Triplains T and the Brewster B.

Penka said he enjoyed having lots of talent and Sheets echoed that.

“We’ll have some good athletes and good reserves,” he said.

Both Edmundson and Porter said the response by the staff and the communities has been great.

“This is our first year,” said Porter. “We will have to work out some details.”

“There are going to be some hitches,” Edmundson added. “We just have to stay open minded.”

The combination will affect only

football. Both schools will remain separate and competitive in other sports.

The Titans will open their season at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 in Grinnell.

The team will play two games in Brewster on Sept. 8 against Palco (Brewster homecoming) and on Oct. 13 against Wallace County.

There will be two games in Winona on Sept. 22 against Healy-Western Plains (Triplains homecoming) and on Oct. 26 against Weskan.

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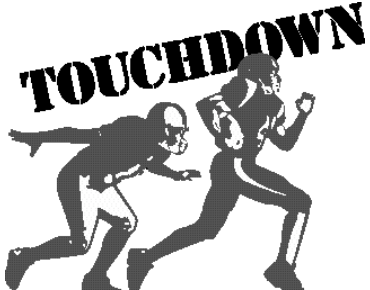
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