



CHEYLIN COUGARS fell to Wallace County 59-14 in their final home game of the season. Josh Moyer (20) made 8 tackles during the game. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

# Cheylin Cougars play final home game of 2003 season

By Casey McCormick

The Cheylin Cougars played their final home game for the 2003 season but it ended after two quarters as they fell to Wallace County 59-14.

"It's tough when you don't perform at the level you want to," said head coach Max Keltz.

"The team as a whole could have played better," said Coach Keltz, "the team needs to get past that speed bump and get ready for Brewster."

The varsity team's last scheduled game of the season will be Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Brewster.

The Cougars showed some life in the second period with two scoring drives. First David Banister threw a strike to Brandon Gordon who ran it in for a 21-yard touchdown. The second touchdown also came on a pass from Banister to Cole Williams from 62 yards out. Both point after attempts failed but the defense added two points on a safety by

Alex Hengen on a quarterback sack. W.C.: 45 14 0 0 59

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Team Stats: First downs (2); rushing: 21 yards on 21 carries; passing: three completions on six attempts for 97 yards; fumbles: four lost on seven fumbles.

**Individual Stats:**

Passing: Banister: Three completions on six attempts for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Rushing: Williams: three carries for 23 yards; Justin Antholz: one carry for 6 yards; Josh Moyer: 13 carries for four yards; Tyler Knapp: one carry for one yard.

Tackles: Knapp (four), Banister (two), Moyer (eight), Hengen (five) and one sack, Williams (four), Todd Gilliland (one), Jay Poore (three), Terry Jensen (one), Josh Johnson (two), Gordon (nine) and Lucius White (four).

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The ancient Greeks told the tale of Sisyphus. Because he was a human prankster who decided to trick the Greek gods he was doomed for eternity to continually push a large boulder up a hill. When he reached the summit the rock would roll back down the hill and he would begin again. Being from Colorado I'll bet that got tougher further up the sloop.

This story reminds me of a group of people from around here. They are the parents and supporters of the Cheylin football team.

Now I will never cut down the team. The coaches and players have fought hard in practice and play through out the year. However success has come in small portions for the squad. Rather than wins it has been an individual catch, run or tackle.

But they have had one constant at each event. Whether the game is at the Cheylin High School field or at the most distant opponent's grounds the men have known the familiar voices from the sideline and seen approving smiles at a play done well.

It is hard to "root" for a team that does not win everytime, believe me, I'm a Red Sox fan. But just like



PARENTS WENDY AND LOREN White and Ernie and Nick Ketzner, with others, root for the Cougars from the side line. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Sisyphus and his permanent task, the Cougar backers will never give up on their team.

That sort of dedication comes from something deep within. Just

like the poor Greek guy pushing the stone or the farmer who plants a seed when it seems as if the hope of moisture will never appear, so will the Cougar fan be there.

# Volleyball players finish season

By Casey McCormick

The Lady Cougar varsity volleyball season has come to a close at the Regional Tournament in Brewster on Tuesday, Oct. 21. The girls won their first match against Sharon Springs but fell in the deciding match against Brewster.

Against Sharon Springs "Our team really pulled together this match," said head coach Tammi Carmichael. The scores were 28-26, 18-25 and 15-11 and a win.

In the first game Sara Moore and Hayley Young did a solid job at the net. Moore had four ace hits and three good hits as well, Young added in three, and Kylie Dixon and Afton Krien each had one. "We played well our first game, talking and passing well," said coach Carmichael.

They lost the second game but Moore continued to play well with eight hits, three of them for aces. Young had six hits with one for an ace.

The third game was necessary

to move on.

"The final game was intense and with this being Regional play the team knew now was the time to kick in and take the win," said Coach Carmichael.

The Cougars used a good team effort in the 15-11 victory.

"With teamwork, anticipation and the need to win, the girls beat Sharon Springs for the first time in many years ... this in itself was a milestone for this year's Cheylin team," said coach Carmichael. Cheylin advanced into Regional play to take on the Brewster Bulldogs.

Game one found Brewster winning by 12 points. The Cougars played well, Young with two points and the most serving points which helped the score.

The second game saw the ladies with their backs against the wall. They fought hard but could not mount a comeback. "Unfortunately the game score of 13-25 was not what the Cheylin girls had hoped for, nor was the ending they had

looked forward to," said coach Carmichael.

Dreams of sub-state were not to be. "We had a good season with a 15-14 record," said coach Carmichael, "no we did not make it to sub-state like we had hoped for, but this team put forth a great effort and they had a great season."

Coach Carmichael wanted to close the year by recognizing her players for their commitment and hard work, the senior leaders who provided inspiration and taught the younger players, Sylvia Hubbard and Neva Lou Holub for keeping the team books, Coach Beeson for her hard work, her family for their support and Mr. Dave Zumbahlen for all of his expert line judging. "Last, but not least to the parents and fans who traveled and made their voices heard at many of our games," said Coach Carmichael, she recognizes "all of your support and your cheers of encouragement throughout our season."

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