

Cougar Sports By Bru and the Crew



CHEYLIN VS TRIPLAINS-BREWSTER during the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament, Walker Janicke, junior, shoots for two under the basket as Joshua Keltz, senior, prepares to rebound.

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CHEYLIN played Wheatland-Grinnell for the 5th place finish. Cheylin was defeated by 9 (69-61) points, giving them the 6th place finish of the League Tournament. Pictured: Stephanie Busse, senior, takes the ball to the basket during the Wheatland-Grinnell game. Also pictured is Elizabeth Keltz.

The Cheylin Cougars muscled their way through a brutal schedule last week in a league tournament that pitted the men against three opponents in one week and the ladies against four. How would the Cougars fair at this year's Western Kansas Liberty League tournament? Let's take a look back at a tournament that will not be soon forgotten in the minds of the Cheylin loyal fans for quite some time.

The first game of the week saw the Lady Cougars taking on the Western Plains Bobcats for the second time this season. The Cougars stood as a seven seed and the Bobcats as a 10 seed.

This game would be a play in game for both teams The loser would fall to the ninth place game on Saturday, and the winner would advance to the regular tournament. The Lady Cougars led by two at the half.

The game was a thriller and both teams hung in down the stretch, but in the end the Cougars simply wanted it more. They outscored the Bobcats 15 to 4 in the final quarter and captured a 60-42 victory. The Ladies were in the tournament!

Shayla Hubbard led all scorers with 22 points. Danae Magnani added 13 points off the bench. Stephanie Busse had 7 points and 10 rebounds.

The Ladies faced a brutal test the very next night as they journeyed to Wheatland a second time to face the Weskan Coyotes. The Lady Cougars got off to a poor start and had fallen behind 17 to 10 by the half.

The Cougars came out gunning in the second and at times the lead was no more than two points, but in the end the Coyotes prevailed 48 to 31.

Allie Frisbe led all scorers with 8 points. Stephanie Busse cleared the boards with 12 rebounds, she also had 6 points.

The Cougar men came as the next game of the night. They came in as the three seed looking to dispose of the six seed Healy Eagles.

The Cougars opened the game on a 25 to 6 run. The paint was dominated by the post duo of Joshua Keltz and Walker Janicke. Healy couldn't seem to find an answer for anything that the Cougars ran and the half-time lead stood at 50 to 15 in favor of Cheylin.

In the second half the Cougars shifted to cruise control but were still able to outscore the Eagles 17 to 14 in the third. A continuous clock was run in the fourth quarter to help speed things along.

The Cougars utilized the large lead to help get their bench some playing

time. They finished the night with a 76 to 32 victory.

Joshua Keltz finished the night with 22 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 blocked shots. Kenan Reeh chipped in 10 points and Walker Janicke had his best game of the year with 22 points and 6 rebounds. This propelled the Cougars into a semifinal match-up against Brewster/Triplains.

vs Logan Trojans
The Ladies next match up came at Colby High School against the Logan Trojans. Both teams seemed fairly even through the first quarter and the score reflected in a 10-10 tie. The Cougars created a small window of separation and led 24 to 19 at the half.

The third quarter was another stalemate that saw both teams score 11 points. The Cougars were able to hold the lead through the fourth despite several valiant attempts at a comeback by Logan. The final score stood 47-43 for a Cougar's victory.

vs Brewster/Triplains
The men also had a fight on their hands as they squared off against the Brewster/Triplains Titans that same night at the Colby Community College building. The game started as a dog fight and seemed fairly even throughout.

The Cougars hit the locker room up 5 at the half. The second half was a trying time for the Cougars and it seemed at times nothing was going their way. From just-missed shots to a very questionable technical the Cougars were having a tough time at every turn.

However, as any good team does, the Cougars were able to come together and hang tough. In the end their efforts were rewarded with a 45-36 win.

Joshua Keltz lacked scoring with just 4 points, but was a defensive presence with 11 blocked shots and 10 rebounds. Adam Orten found 11 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Kenan Reeh was the high point man of the night with 15 points; he also added 10 rebounds and 5 steals.

This victory propelled the Cougars to the Championship game on Saturday! The game would be played against the state ranked Weskan Coyotes. Wait what was that? Hold the phone folks, the Palco Roosters had upset the Weskan Coyotes. Cheylin would be facing fifth seeded Palco in the Western Kansas Liberty League championship game.

vs Grinnell/Wheatland
The Lady Cougars were geared and ready to go for the fifth place game against the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks. The Cougars defeated the Thunderhawks

53-52 earlier this season. However it was not to be this time.

The Lady Cougars fell behind early and went into the locker room down 10. The Cougars fell farther behind after being outscored 16 to 21 in the third quarter.

The Cougars fought nobly and made a daring attempt at a comeback but it just wasn't enough as Grinnell/Wheatland came out with the 69-61 win. Shayla Hubbard had 22 points for the Cougars. Stephanie Busse had 11.

Championship game
The final event of the evening came in the form of the championship game - Cheylin Cougars vs Palco Roosters. There was excitement in the air as the Cougars took the floor for the championship game.

The Cougars came out running and never looked back. They jumped out to a 13 to 2 lead before a Palco timeout sent them sprinting back to an ecstatic bench.

The timeout did little to stop the Cougars. The Cougars continued to dominate the half and cruised into halftime ahead 35-7. The third quarter was a less eventful, more defensive affair as the score board showed 40 to 10 heading into the final quarter.

The Cougars had taken what was supposed to be a hard fought championship game and turned it into a beat down. A continuous clock was ran in the final quarter and the Cougars made a mockery of Palco with a 50 to 17 shelling of one of the league's new comers. Well done Cougars, Well done.

First time
It's worth noting that this is the first time that the Cheylin men have won the Western Kansas Liberty League since its creation in 1994. The last men's league title won by the Cougars came in 1984, when they played in the five-team Liberty League.

This week's men's player of the week is a toss-up, but I think it has to go to forward Walker Janicke. Janicke had a coming-out game against Healy, and continued with excellent rebounding throughout.

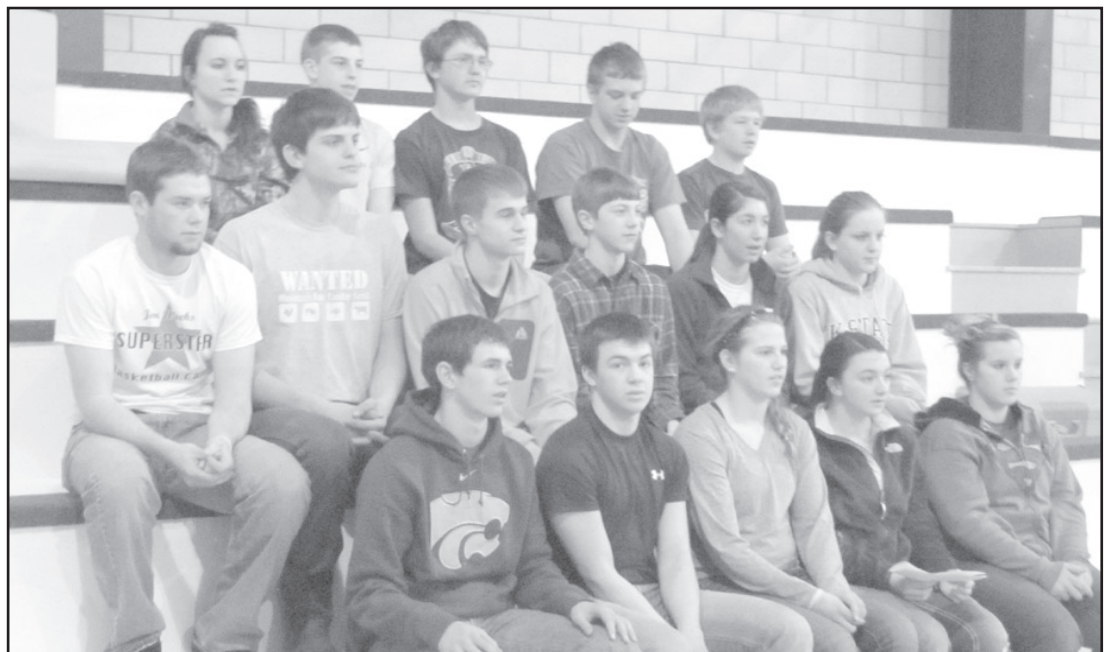
The ladies' goes to Shayla Hubbard who accumulated 20+ points in both Lady Cougar wins.

The Cougars return to McDonald for their first home game of 2013 when they face the Brewster/Triplains Titans on Friday night.

Everybody shove the family in the car and let's pack the house and cheer the Cougars on to some big wins.

GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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