

CHEYLIN FOOTBALL PLAYERS try to prevent a score by tackling the Viking racing down the field. Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

# Cougars play at home before Cheylin fans

The Cheylin Cougars fell to the Triplains Vikings on Friday night in football action at Cheylin. This was the home opener of the season and the Cougar fans participated in a pep rally on Friday night to honor the occasion. Unfortunately Cheylin came out on the short end of a 66-22 score.

The Cougars gave Triplains a 12-points lead on two pass plays before they got on the board with a pass from quarterback Matt Wilson to Michael Sager. Two points were added to the score when Cole Williams ran into the end zone for the successful conversion attempt. The score after the first quarter was Triplains 12, Cheylin 8.

During the second quarter the only scoring involved Triplains. This time they used the run on both occasions. The Cougars were doing a good job of keeping Triplains from the end zone on the conversion attempts and after four touchdowns they had been unsuccessful four times. The first half ended with Triplains having a 24-8 advantage.

The third quarter was busy with both

teams adding to their score. Triplains was first with a touchdown pass to add six points and they also found the way into the end zone for two conversions points making the score 32-8 in favor of Triplains.

The Cheylin fans were happy when Wilson hit pay dirt on a running play. This gave them an additional six points for a total of 14.

Before Cheylin added another touchdown, Triplains scored twice, once on a pass play and once on a running play. They also added two conversion points on one occasion.

Tyler Knapp got the Cheylin fans on their feet, when he scored on a running play near the end of the quarter. Knapp added the conversion points. This was Cheylin's final march into the end zone but Tribune scored three more times, once on a pass and twice on the ground.

"We played a team with a very good quarterback who has a lot of speed," Max Keltz, Cheylin coach said. "He was hard to contain."

"Triplains was an improved team

this year and we did not play well enough to contain them. They have a number of fourth year players. We played a good team and weren't prepared for their speed."

The rushing yardage was shared among six players with Knapp having 87 yards and Williams 84 to lead the way. In the air, Sager had four passes for 37-yards and Knapp also had a completion.

Leading the team in tackling were Wilson with 15 and Williams with nine. Twelve other athletes had at least one tackle. Williams, Zack Linin and John Simmonds each had a sack.

Cheylin suffered some injuries during the evening with Josh Moyer (31) having a shoulder injury. He is expected to be back next week. Andy Smith also re-injured his ankle.

## Team stats

Team stats with Cheylin listed first followed by Triplains: first downs: 8/11; rushing yards: 281 yards/281 yards; passing: 39 yards on five completions and two interceptions/335 yards on 18 completions and three

interceptions; fumbles: 5/2; penalties: four for 30 yards; eight for 67 yards.

Rushing: Knapp, 87 yards on 10 carries; Williams, 84 yards on 13 carries; Wilson, 69 yards on nine carries; Moyer, 48 yards on 11 carries; Antholz, 16 yards on five carries; Smith, 3 yards on two carries.

Passing: Wilson, four completions on 11 attempts for 37 yards and one touchdown; David Banister, one completion on two attempts for 2 yards.

Passes caught: Sager, four completions for 37 yards and one touchdown; Knapp, one for 2 yards.

Pass interception: Sager, three for 45 yards

Punter: Sager, four for 88 yards, a 22-yard average

Kick-off: Sager, four for 167 yards

Tackles: Wilson, 15 and one sack; Williams, 9 and one sack; Knapp, 6; Antholz, 6; Sager, 6; Moyer, 5; J. Simmonds, 5 and one sack; Linin, 4 and one sack; Alex Hengen, 2; Banister, 1; Smith, 1; Chase Krien, 1; Jacob Jensen, 1; Kelly Ray Simmonds, 1

# Ladies have good games Saturday

## Benkelman Quad

### Big disappointment for Cougars

Cheylin Lady Cougars traveled to Benkelman, Neb., on Tuesday, Sept. 10. There the lady's came home with some disappointing losses. Scores for Tuesday's match show Grinnell taking a win; against Dundly County the Lady Cougars found themselves taking the first game 15-4 and turning around and losing two in a row, 4-15 and 7-15. Tuesday night's performances showed Cheylin lacking the confidence they needed to win.

"A team can be fundamentally and physically prepared to play but lack the mental side necessary to win the game. We had a difficult time focusing and keeping our heads in the game. We take one game at a time, each game taking us one step closer to being where we want to be," said Coach Carmichael.

### Cheylin runner-up in Culbertson Tournament

Excitement filled the locker room Saturday as the Cheylin volleyball team took another step up. The Lady Cougars traveled to Culbertson Saturday and participated in the Culbertson tournament. Meeting up with Lakeside Central, Cheylin played an incredible first game beating Lakeside 15-4. The tables then turned and Lakeside came back winning the second game 3-15. This year the Lady Cougars have been more determined than ever to win and with that desire they pulled their game together and won the third game 14-16 beating Lakeside Central.

Looking at the overall match against Lakeside Central, Hayley Young did an excellent job serving, as she was high point for the match with a total of 12 points. Amanda Banister had 100 percent serving from the line, with 12/12 good serves. She has proven to be one of the strongest and more consistent servers. Sara Moore and Cristi Antholz both stepped up to line as well averaging 91 percent from the line. The team overall looked better in passing the ball and hitting as Sara Moore was hitting 16/17 and Jill Zumbahlen slipping in 11/12. There was a great effort put forth by all the players as everyone found themselves playing and working together for the win.

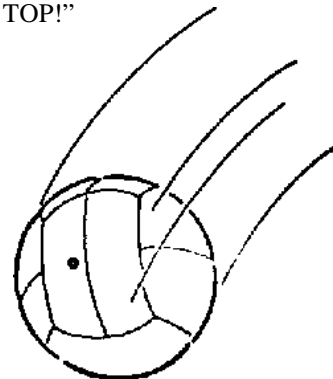
The second match of the day put the Lady Cougars up against Arapahoe. Here again Cheylin found themselves playing three games; 15-11, 8-15, and 19-17. This match proved to be the most intense as the score of the third game tells it all.

"Our girls played hard and were definitely determined as they found themselves coming back from behind and playing the hardest I have seen them play this year," Coach Carmichael said. "It was certainly a game that sent you to the edge of your seat. Almost everyone was 100 percent from the serving line as all the girls did a superb job getting their serves in. Sara Moore and Joy Zumbahlen led the team in hitting, as did Amanda Banister for setting. This was definitely a great match to win sending the Lady Cougars into the championship finals."

As the Lady Cougars worked their way to the championship game they found here again they were accustomed to playing three games rather than the standard two and moving on. Cheylin and Culbertson found themselves both fighting for first place. The Culbertson Bears played a strong first game winning 15-4. The second game in turn found Cheylin coming out on top as they won 15-13. In the final championship game the Cheylin girls came up short, losing to Culbertson 4-15.

The girls made a great come back in their second game and just didn't seem to have it in them to pull off what should have been a championship win for Cheylin. Top scorer for the match was Sara Moore serving a total of nine points. Amanda Poore hit 100 percent followed by Joy Zumbahlen hitting 91 percent. Statistically these girls are improving with each game, and we are seeing better serving percentages as well as passing and hitting. It's slowly coming together.

Coach Carmichael said, "I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the players as each of them did a fine job Saturday and they should be proud of their accomplishments. The support and dedication of everyone was appreciated. Each of the fans who took the time to stand behind the team as they keep stepping up. We look forward to each of you being there when we reach the TOP!"



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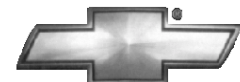
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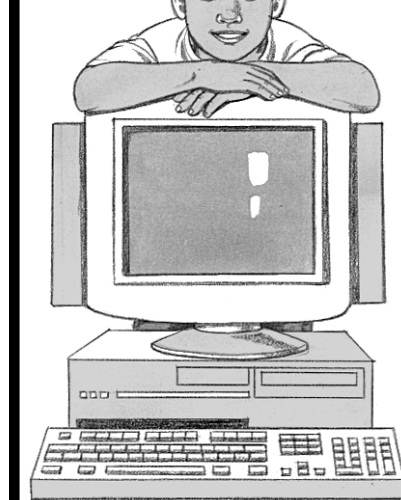
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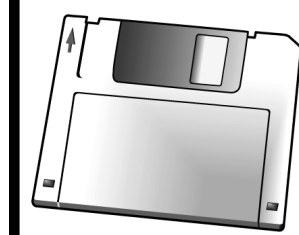
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