

Cougar Sports

By Bru and the Crew

The Cheylin Cougars got cut a little short on games last week as Mother Nature restricted them to only a contest in Atwood. The Cougars were scheduled to travel to Atwood on Tuesday to take on the Buffalos of Rawlins County and to Rexford on Friday to face the Bulldogs of Golden Plains. However our fine white friend, snow that is, took three days of school and a basketball game too. This was the Cougars final chance to make a statement before sub-state. How would the Cougars respond to this pivotal game? Let's review the action....

The JV boys came out of the gates and never looked backed as they cruised to 61-29 victory over the JV Buffs. Shawn Pochop had 17 points and Devon Janicke chipped in another 14 to lead the Cougar scoring. Meanwhile just a short walk away the Varsity girls were grinding out an extremely rough game against the lady Buffs. The first quarter started out as an offensive atrocity as the Cougars led 4-2. More of a soccer score wouldn't you say folks? At any rate the second quarter became the down fall of the Cougars as the Buffs went on a 21-6 run. The Cougars found themselves down 23 to 10 heading into the half. The Cougars came out hard in the third, but the lady Buffs matched the Cougars bucket for bucket. Rawlins County thwarted every Cheylin run and the lady Cougars fell by a final score of 47 to 32. Stephanie Busse led all scorers with 10 points, she also had 14 rebounds, a steal, and an assist. The ladies JV defeated the lady Buffs by a final score of 20 to 6. The Varsity boys were ready to provide the night's final act. The Cheylin boys haven't beat the Buffalos in a Varsity match up for the last four years. No one in the locker room that night had tasted victory over rival Rawlins County in their high school career and the Cougars had already been defeated by Rawlins once this season. All were eager for a W and the Cougars came out with a fire and vengeance. Things were hard fought early and the Cougars led 12-8 at the end of the first quarter. A second half run helped the Cougars find themselves up 30 to 16 at the half. The Cougars kept things goin' in the second half and despite all efforts at a comeback



STEPHANIE BUSSE, senior, a tough offensive player all night, puts the ball up for two.

by the Buffs the Cougars emerged victorious 61-41. This was a great win for the Cougars and will help build their confidence heading into this Friday's sub-state matchup. The Cougar men (15-4, 1st seed) will be facing the winner of last Tuesday's Brewster/Triplains (12-7, 9-10, 4th seed) vs. Wheatland/

Grinnell (5-13, 5th seed) game, the results of which were not available at press time.. The game between the Cougars and their opponent will take place on Friday in the Colby Community Building. The Cougar ladies (10-10, 6th seed) faced Brewster/Triplains (12-7, 3rd seed) last Tuesday.



CHEYLIN BOYS PEP SQUAD showed up to cheer for their hometown girls! They may look like a bunch of hooligans, but they were full of spirit and support.

South of McDonald News By Kathy Banister

Everyone appreciated the moisture that came in the form of snow that started Wednesday and continued into Thursday. Even those who are in the process of calving newborns say they like the moisture, but not the frigid temperatures that accompany such a wintry mix. The winds that were expected with this snowfall failed to materialize which hurt no one's feelings whatsoever. School age children were delighted to have a few extra days away from their studies as well.

Kelly Dewey and children traveled to Hays Saturday to spend time with Linda Dewey in Hays. They returned home Sunday.

Debi Banister arrived Monday evening at her parents' home, George and Kathy Banister, to attend her grandmother Amelia Banister's funeral at the McDonald Federated Church on Wednesday. She returned to Topeka on Saturday to continue her studies at Washburn

University. Rita and Lynn Officer attended their granddaughter's high school basketball game held in Winona Tuesday evening.

Debi, Jamie, Kathy and George Banister along with Brandon, Amanda, and Avery Winter of Andale, attended the basketball games in Atwood Tuesday evening to cheer on their cousin, Ty Carmichael, and the rest of the Cheylin Cougars which resulted in a win for the boy's varsity team.

Joe Kramer returned Friday from a fishing trip on the Sabine River near Carthage, Texas. He was joined in catching a great many fish by Jim Poore, Drew Flemming, Ryan and Riley Shay of St. Francis, and Roland Query of Firestone, Colo.

Many from the community attended a celebration of life for Amelia Banister Wednesday morning at the McDonald Federated Church. Internment was in Grace Cemetery followed by a dinner served in the

fellowship hall of the church. Kathy Banister's sister, Diane Heiman and her husband Steve of Belleville, and Kathy's brother, Daryl Dickman and his wife Arleta of Grinnell attended the funeral of Amelia Banister, George and Jim Banister's mother, Wednesday morning.

Sympathy is extended to the Doug and Karen Flemming family on the loss of Karen's mother who died Saturday.

Jamie Banister of Hyattsville, Md., was part of the caravan of cousins who traveled to Denver on Thursday afternoon in order to catch flights to their homes on Friday. David Banister and Brandon Winter were the chauffeurs on the snow packed and icy roads.

Amanda, Brandon, and Avery Winter departed for their home in Andale (with 14 inches of snow) Friday morning after attending Grandma Amelia's funeral on Wednesday. They also spent time with other family and friends.



CHEYLIN faced the Rawlins County Buffaloes last Tuesday in Atwood. The Cheylin boys won, giving them the first place seeding in the first round of Sub-State playoffs. Pictured: Adam Orten, Senior, takes care of the ball during the Cheylin vs Rawlins County game.



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