

# Triplains-Brewster ends two-year streak

By Bonnie Holm  
Brewster Schools

The Triplains-Brewster Titans ended a two-year losing streak with a victory over the visiting Golden Plains Bulldogs last Friday at Williams Field in Brewster.

The win was made even sweeter since it was also Brewster's Homecoming.

The Titans racked up an impressive 409 total yards on offense, including 172 yards passing. Freshman quarterback Ryan Gfeller completed 8 of 15 passes, including a 60-yard pass. Gfeller also scored two touchdowns.

Senior Michael Schmidt led the Titans in receiving yards, with two catches for 83 yards, both of them for touchdowns. Juniors Justin Culwell and Nathan Jorgensen also were on the receiving end of Gfeller's passes, with three each.

Jorgensen led the Titans in rushing with 83 yards. He scored two rushing touchdowns and successfully converted 3 extra-point attempts. Gfeller rushed for 62 yards; sophomore Jace Jorgensen for 64 yards

and a touchdown; Culwell had 15 yards; and senior Philip Kulas rushed for 8.

Kulas, who kicks for the Titans, successfully split the uprights with a 31-yard field goal.

On the defensive side, the Titans held the Bulldogs to just 188 yards rushing. Leading in tackles was junior Seth Smith, followed by Schmidt, Culwell, junior Rook Shaw and Nathan Jorgensen. Junior Tony Aguilar and Jace Jorgensen also contributed. Smith and Culwell each managed to penetrate the backfield and sack the Bulldog quarterback. Helping out the winning effort with pass interceptions were senior Dan Brown and the Jorgensen brothers.

The Titans led 31-8 at halftime, but the Bulldogs mounted a comeback in the second half, scoring 14 in both the third and fourth quarters. However, the Titans prevailed and managed to stay ahead of the Bulldogs, and as the game ended, the fans rushed the field to congratulate the victorious Titans.

Players of the game were Michael Schmidt, overall and offense, and Nathan Jorgensen on defense.

The Titans will travel to Tribune tonight to take on the Greeley County Jackrabbits.

# Lady Bulldogs squad falls short in Winona

By Hailee Spresser  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldog varsity volleyball team traveled to Winona to play games against Northern Valley and Triplains-Brewster. The girls' entered into this triangular with a record of 16-5.

Seeing them for the first time this season, the Lady Bulldogs' first game on Oct. 2 was against the Northern Valley Huskies.

Hesitation played a major factor in this game. Golden Plains couldn't quite get past that, letting the Lady Huskies get the win, 25-22 and 25-23.

Immediately following, the Lady Bulldogs played the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans. In the first match, Golden Plains crushed the Lady Titans, 25-18.

But Triplains-Brewster answered right back in the second match, winning 25-19. The Lady Bulldogs let the Lady Titans run

by with the win in the third match, 25-23.

"We had some communication and confidence problems which led to hesitation," senior Morgan Walz said.

"We just need to move past it and put it behind us, and go forward for the rest of the season," junior Jordan Christensen added.

The Lady Bulldogs looked forward to the Hill City Tournament on Saturday.

# Kansas prepares to defend title

By Dave Skretta  
AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE — The first thing you notice about the Kansas basketball team this year is that it's big.

Not in height, though 7-footer Jeff Withey stands out, but in numbers.

There are a lot of players on the roster this season, 17 to be exact, and for the most part they land on the extremes of experience. The main contributors will be either seniors who were part of a national title run last season or wide-eyed freshmen who watched the Final Four from afar.

"We have so much experience, at the same time, we have a lot of freshmen, so it's going to be a fun season," said Withey, who emerged last season as a shotswatting All-America candidate.

There are several reasons for the unique composition of the team.

All-America forward Thomas Robinson declared for the NBA draft a year early, opening up a scholarship for another newcomer. That's one reason why there are nine freshmen on the roster.

Another reason is that two of them were forced to sit out last season.

Ben McLemore, a talented combo guard, and Jamari Traylor, an athletic power forward, were deemed partial qualifiers by the NCAA and forced to redshirt. They wound up being able to

practice the second semester, but they weren't able to participate in games.

Both of them ready to go this season, which officially tips off Friday night with the annual "Late Night in the Phog" practice.

"It's totally different when you get under the lights. These guys will be scared to death tomorrow night. Their biggest crowd ever is what, a thousand?" Jayhawks coach Bill Self said.

There's certainly going to be pressure on Self, too.

He agreed to a restructured contract a few weeks ago that extends through the 2021-22 season and includes a raise to \$3.857 million per year. His previous contract ran through June 2018.

Self's new contract includes bonus provisions of \$50,000 for conference regular-season titles, \$25,000 for winning the conference tournament, \$100,000 for earning AP coach of the year, \$150,000 for reaching the Final Four and \$200,000 for winning the national championship.

Something that the Jayhawks nearly accomplished last season.

Behind the bruising play of Robinson and the often-maddening play of talented guard Tyshawn Taylor, the Jayhawks rolled to another Big 12 championship and all the way to New Orleans.

Kansas eventually ran into mighty Kentucky and its NBA-laden lineup, but a team that many didn't believe was capable of win-

ning its conference had nearly won it all.

Even though Robinson and Taylor are gone, along with role player Connor Teahan, the Jayhawks still return three starters in Withey, Elijah Johnson and Travis Releford. Super-sub Kevin Young is also back for his senior season after making some key contributions down the stretch.

Then there are all those new faces ready to step up.

McLemore could move directly into the starting lineup after impressing just about everyone in practice last season. Anrio Adams, a guard from Seattle, has shown some ability to handle the ball, while forward Perry Ellis may carry the biggest expectations.

The five-star recruit from Wichita has been committed to the Jayhawks for so long that the anticipation to actually see him on the court has reached a breaking point.

"Just the atmosphere, all these people, I never played in an arena with this many people watching," Ellis said.

There are plenty of other freshmen going through the same thing.

Indeed, there will be plenty of new names when the Jayhawks take the court for their first exhibition game Oct. 30 against Emporia State, and when the nation gets to see them play Michigan State on Nov. 13 in Atlanta in just their second regular-season game.

## A muddy tourney



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College  
First baseman Courtney Kinnett stretched out to catch the ball Sunday during the Colby Community College softball fall tournament at the field on campus. The tournament was canceled Saturday due to snow and wet fields. Four teams returned on Sunday: Lamar, Colo., McCook, Neb., Seward County and Colby community colleges.

# Girls work hard for wins

By Brianna Stoll  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team traveled to Healy to play two matches. This was the girls' fifth and sixth games.

The middle school varsity started off the night Sept. 27 by just barely losing to Healy 25-21. They came back and won against Healy 25-19. In the third set, Golden Plains' hard work paid off and they ended the third set pretty fast with Golden Plains, winning 15-8.

The last game of the night was against Heartland.

The game started off good, with the Bulldogs winning 25-15.

The second set, Heartland picked up their game, and won over the Bulldogs, 25-15. During the third set, the Bulldogs worked really hard and came out with the win 18-16.

"We didn't play our best as a team, but our hard work paid off and we still came home with two wins," Head Coach Mindy Fleckenstein said.

The middle school junior varsity played a 30-minute game without keeping track of the score. Even though they didn't keep score, the squad still played great.

# Women's cross country sixth in Hays

The Colby Community College women's cross country team competed Saturday at the Fort Hays State University Open held in Victoria.

The women finished sixth out of nine teams, ahead of both Garden City and Barton County, Great Bend, community colleges. Butler (El Dorado), Dodge City, Pratt and Cloud County, Concordia, community colleges also competed, but did not have enough runners to compete as teams.

Denet Sang, Kenya, led the

Lady Trojans, finishing in 31st place followed by Emily Chestnut, Clay Center, 49th; Heather Schneider, Herndon, 54th; Sierra Besmear, Loomis, Neb., 71st; Stephanie Hornbaker, Holcomb, 79th; and Amanda Duvall, Spurger, Texas, 90th.

Melissa Collins did not compete at this meet.

This is the sixth year for Head Coach Crystal Berndt.

"This was definitely a better week for the Lady Trojans," said Berndt. "I didn't know what to

expect because Hays changed their course and it was really cold. However, my ladies stepped up and ran really good races.

"Most of the women ran 1 to 2 minutes faster than they ran last week in Oklahoma. The next few courses we run are fairly flat so I'm hoping to see even faster times in the future."

The Lady Trojans will compete at 4 p.m. next Friday at the Ollie Isom Invitational Meet in El Dorado.

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