

Titans run into hungry Huskies

By Bonnie Holm

The Triplains-Brewster Titans made their long trip to Almena on Friday to take on a very physical Northern Valley Huskies team.

The Huskies scored first, and with only a minute-and-a-half gone in the first quarter, led the Titans 8-0.

A nice kickoff return by Jace Jorgensen was negated by a penalty, one of many during the game for the Titans (1-1 record). The Titans were unable to move the ball, turning it back to the Huskies on downs.

Northern Valley (1-1) wasted no time on offense, scoring on its first play and converting on the extra point for a 16-0 lead.

The Titans' offense was looking good after Nate Jorgensen returned the kickoff to the 35 yard line. Quarterback Ryan Gfeller's pass to Justin Culwell set up a nice series of gains for the Titans, as they marched down to just 3 yards short of a touchdown, but the Huskies stepped up and stripped the ball from the Titan runner, stopping the scoring drive.

The Titan defense stepped up and made it difficult for the Huskies to move the ball with Culwell, Justin Schmidt, and Seth Smith

making key tackles. However, the Huskies managed to score again, increasing their lead 22-0.

Fred Schertz, Skylar Hansen and Smith tackled the Husky running back, keeping him out of the end zone for the extra point attempt.

The second quarter opened with the Titans on offense, but still unable to mount a scoring drive. The Huskies, however, had no trouble driving down the field again, scoring both the touchdown and the extra point, and increasing their lead to 30-0.

With 5:17 left in the first half, Northern Valley drew blood again, scoring on a 39-yard run from scrimmage, lengthening their lead, 36-0.

The Titans started their drive on the 25 yard line, after the kickoff return by Gfeller. The Titan offensive line stepped up their blocking, and Gfeller was able to gain some yards by passing and running. Schertz drove up the middle to give the Titans the ball on the Huskies' five-yard line..

After a penalty on the Huskies, the Titans were able to score on a pass from Gfeller to Jace Jorgensen. Gfeller kept the ball on the extra point attempt, scampering into the end zone, and the Ti-

tans cut the Husky lead to 36-8 with just 17 seconds left in the first half.

However, the Huskies had one more opportunity to score, and took advantage of it, going into the locker room at halftime with a commanding 42-8 lead over the Titans.

With two of the Titan seniors on the bench with injuries, the second half was looking pretty dim for Triplains-Brewster, especially after the Huskies scored again, increasing their lead to 50-8.

However, the Husky coach, showing great sportsmanship by substituting for his starters, gave the Titans the chance they were looking for. The Titans' defense showed great tenacity during the third quarter, holding the Huskies on downs and keeping them out of the end zone.

The fourth quarter saw the Titan coach substituting for some of his starters, and with some fresh, excited players, they held the Huskies to almost no gains on offense. With Jace Jorgensen, Justin Schmidt, and Schertz leading the way on offense, the Titans were able to score again, as Schertz drove up the middle for the second Titan touchdown.

With 5:34 left in the game, the

score was 50-14. Unfortunately for the Titans, the Huskies returned the kick-off 78 yards for a touchdown, making the score 56-14. The Titans rallied, and after Jaden Schmidt made a small gain, Jace Jorgensen took the ball on a handoff from Gfeller for another Titan touchdown. Schertz converted on the extra point attempt, to give the Titans two more points.

The final score was 56-22 in favor of the Huskies.

Coach Stramel said the game was an "eye opener" for the team, and gave them a chance to see where they want to be. The team never gave up, and worked hard despite injuries and penalties.

Leading rusher for the Titans was Gfeller with 19 carries for 98 yards, followed by Schertz with 8 carries for 79 yards and Jace Jorgensen with 16 carries for 73 yards.

Schertz also led in receiving yards with 26, followed by Jace Jorgensen and Nathan Jorgensen. On defense, Seth Smith led on tackles with 12 followed by Justin Schmidt with 11.

Next action is on Friday when the Titans will travel to Sharon Springs to take on the Wallace County Wildcats.



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Goodland Star-News

A Colby Middle School player kept this ball in play during the Goodland tournament on Saturday. Scores and other details will likely be included later this week.

Colby JV spikers, tennis girls get wins

Colby's junior varsity tennis girls earned five high places while competing at the Norton Tournament on Saturday.

Olivia Wetter and Morgan Sanguinetti led the Eagles as they teamed to take second at No. 1 doubles.

Jennilee Gray matched that effort with her No. 1 singles second-place finish.

Meanwhile, Natasha Besser and Makayla Brackett earned third among No. 2 doubles competing.

In volleyball action, the Colby JV split four matches in a tough

Scott City tournament.

The Eagles swept Scott City 21-13, 21-19; lost to Garden City in three 21-10, 19-21; 16-18; beat Dodge City Blue 21-6, 21-15; but finished with a loss to Dodge City Red 21-18, 21-17.

Colby's C volleyball team had a tougher weekend in the Liberal Tournament, losing three matches.

Liberal took 26-24 and 25-20 victories to start the tourney.

Lincoln scored 25-21, 25-12 wins over Colby and then Scott City downed the Eagles 25-20, 25-22.

Upcoming sporting events

Colby's varsity tennis team plays a rescheduled dual today at Ulysses with action beginning

around 7 p.m. The Colby JV football team plays its home opener vs. Scott City at 5:30 p.m.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Like the big win over nationally-rated Hutchinson recently, Colby Community College's volleyball team hopes for a lively crowd tonight (6:30 p.m.) when Jayhawk League co-leader Pratt visits.

Trojans win three at Utah tournament

The Colby Community College volleyball team warmed up for tonight's big home match with three Snow College tournament wins at Ephraim, Utah, last weekend.

Colby (10-4 record overall) lost in four sets to national top 15-ranked host Snow, though all four matches were very close. Snow prevailed 25-21, 25-23, 21-25, 25-21.

Yet the Trojans did conquer their other three foes during this two-day, round-robin event entering a big match tonight against Jayhawk League co-leader Pratt

Community College.

Colby swept the Adams (Colo.) State University junior varsity team 25-16, 25-11, 25-14 as top hitter Lorena Rosario resumed her powerful form with 15 kills.

The Trojans' toughest win came against Yavapai (Ariz.) College 21-25, 25-22, 25-20, 17-25, 17-15. Setter Maisy Munson delivered 47 assists with Rosario (17), Adrianna Sosnowska (14) and Andjela Reljic (12) reaching double digits. Colby topped Colorado Northwestern College 25-11, 25-17, 20-25, 25-17.

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