

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.

increasing their lead 22-0.

Fred Schertz, Skylar Hansen end zone for the extra point attempt.

The second quarter opened with the Titans on offense, but still un-Huskies, however, had no trouble ond half was looking pretty dim driving down the field again, scoring both the touchdown and the extra point, and increasing their lead to 30-0.

scrimmage, lengthening their lead. 36-0.

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 Huskies' five-yard line..

the Titans were able to score on way on offense, the Titans were The Titan defense stepped up a pass from Gfeller to Jace Jor- able to score again, as Schertz and made it difficult for the Hus- gensen. Gfeller kept the ball on drove up the middle for the second kies to move the ball with Culwell, the extra point attempt, scamper- Titan touchdown. Justin Schmidt, and Seth Smith ing into the end zone, and the Ti-

making key tackles. However, the tans cut the Husky lead to 36-8 score was 50-14. Unfortunately Huskies managed to score again, with just 17 seconds left in the first half.

However, the Huskies had one and Smith tackled the Husky run- more opportunity to score, and ning back, keeping him out of the 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 able to mount a scoring drive. The the bench with injuries, the secfor Triplains-Brewster, especially after the Huskies scored again, increasing their lead to 50-8.

However, the Husky coach, With 5:17 left in the first half, showing great sportsmanship by Northern Valley drew blood again, substituting for his starters, gave scoring on a 39-yard run from the Titans the chance they were looking for. The Titans' defense showed great tenacity during the The Titans started their drive on thirrd quarter, holding the Huskies the 25 yard line, after the kickoff 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 to give the Titans the ball on the Huskies to almost no gains on offense. With Jace Jorgensen, Justin After a penalty on the Huskies, Schmidt, and Schertz leading the

With 5:34 left in the game, the

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 fa-

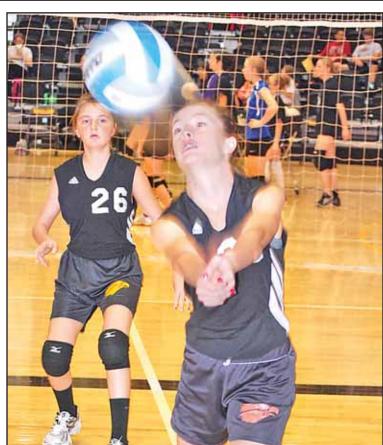
vor of the Huskies.

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

Colby JV spikers, tennis girls get wins

Colby's junior varsity tennis Scott City tournament. girls earned five high places while 13, 21-19; lost to Garden City in competing at the Norton Tournament on Saturday. three 21-10, 19-21; 16-18; beat

likely be included later this week.

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 secondplace finish.

Meanwhile, Natasha Besser and victories to start the tourney. Makayla Brackett earned third

among No. 2 doubles competing. In volleyball action, the Colby JV split four matches in a tough

Upcoming sporting events

25-22.

Colby's varsity tennis team around 7 p.m. The Colby JV footat Ulysses with action beginning vs. Scott City at 5:30 p.m.

plays a rescheduled dual today ball team plays its home opener

The Eagles swept Scott City 21-

Dodge City Blue 21-6, 21-15; but

finished with a loss to Dodge City

a tougher weekend in the Liberal

Tournament, losing three matches.

Colby's C volleyball team had

Liberal took 26-24 and 25-20

Lincoln scored 25-21, 25-12

wins over Colby and then Scott

City downed the Eagles 25-20,

Red 21-18, 21-17.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Like the big win over nationally-rated Hutchinson recently, Colby two-day, round-robin event enter-Community College's volleyball team hopes for a lively crowd ing a big match tonight against tonight (6:30 p.m.) when Jayhawk League co-leader Pratt visits. Jayhawk League co-leader Pratt 17, 20-25, 25-17.

Trojans win three at Utah tournament

The Colby Community College Community College. volleyball team warmed up for to-Snow College tournament wins at Ephraim, Utah, last weekend.

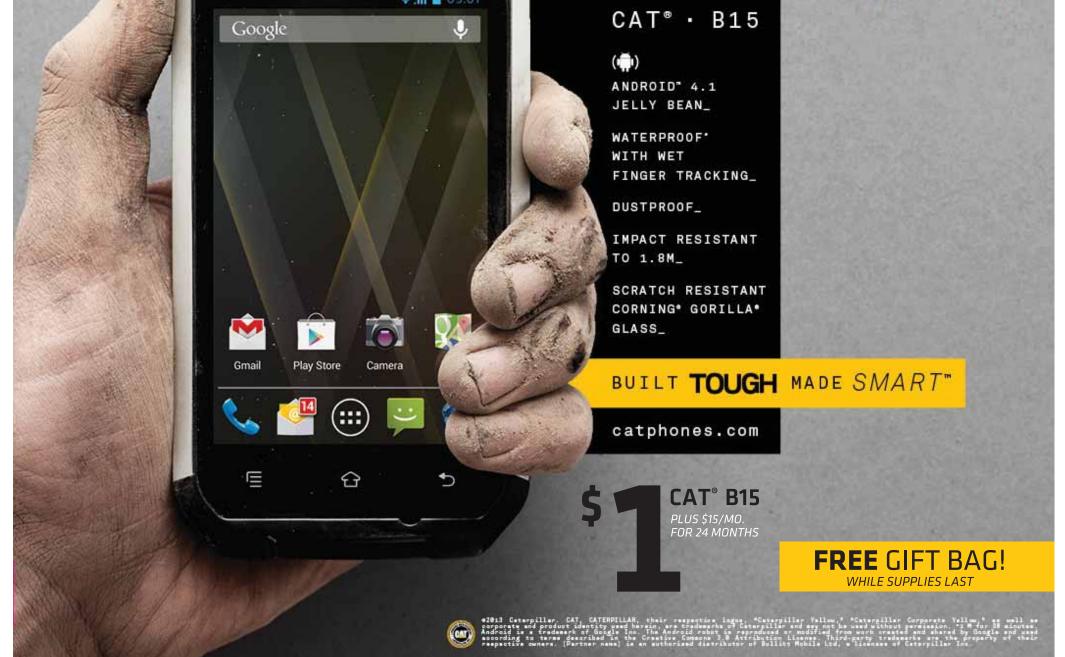
Colby (10-4 record overall) lost in four sets to national top 15-ranked host Snow, though all four matches were very close. Snow prevailed 25-21, 25-23, 21-25.25-21.

Yet the Trojans did conquer their other three foes during this

Colby swept the Adams (Colo.) night's big home match with three 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-





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