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Patrick Lansu (77) leads a pack of racers in the Supertwins GTO/Modern Vintage GTU class during the Motorcycle Roadracing Association Sunday at Motorsport Park Hastings. Ben Fox (95) won the race.

Weather doesn't stop racers

TURPIN WINS RACE OF THE ROCKIES GTO, GTU

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Shane Turpin traveled hundreds of miles over the weekend to compete in what he says is one of the top five road courses in the country.

Turpin, who is from Salt Lake City, and dozens of other competitors took part in the three-day Motorcycle Roadracing Association event at Motorsport Park Hastings.

Turpin said he likes the way the course is laid out and that racing in the rain this weekend didn't bother him.

Like all competitors, he brought along tires that work better on a wet surface because the MRA runs its races rain or shine. Still, Turpin got caught playing a guessing game as to which tires to use Sunday afternoon. It wasn't raining at the time, but it looked like it could at any minute.

In the first race of the Race of the Rockies GTU, Turpin put on inter-

mediate tires, which are good for both rain and dry weather. But, those kind of tires have a tendency to burn up quick.

"I didn't have any tires on standby, so I took a stab at it," he said. "I knew I made a mistake, but I won the race."

Turpin started the race in third position, gradually working his way to the front. As the race started to wind down, second-place racer Donnie Hough was making his move. As both racers came across the finish line, Turpin won by 41-thousandth of a second.

"It was a tough battle, I tell you that," he said. "At the beginning, I was afraid to push the bike too hard. I needed to keep a bit in reserve for the end of the race."

Turpin went on to win three more races — Open Supersport, Open Superbike and Middleweight Superbike — before competing in the Race of the Rockies GTO.

Turpin would make a clean sweep of the ROR series, as he won the GTO race, ending the day by winning five of 11 afternoon races.



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Shane Turpin leads in the middleweight superbike class during the Motorcycle Roadracing Association races Sunday at Motorsport Park Hastings.

Turpin credits his success to 18 years of racing and 35 years of riding a motorcycle.

"My father raced motocross, and I just grew around it," he said.

MRA Results Race of the Rockies GTO

1, Shane Turpin; 2, Ricky Orlando; 3, Sean Fey;

4, Aaron Clark; 5, Kurt Hall; 6, David Lambert; 7, Luke Johnston; 8, Dan Turner; 9, Jim Wilson; 10, Ed Duenes; 11, Mark Nuddelman; 12, Dennis Burke; 13, Terry Teske; 14, Ben Fox; 15, Ryan Burke.

Race of the Rockies GTU

1, Shane Turpin; 2, Donnie Hough; 3, Jason Trabert; 4, Brian Destarac; 5, Pedro Bravo; 6, Crash Lower; 7, Kyle Isker; 8, Dean Hall; 9, Frank Hamrey; 10, Bart McKiernan; 11, Jon Glaefke.

Exeter-Milligan wins Friend tournament

FRIEND — The Exeter-Milligan volleyball team went 3-0 at the Friend tournament on Saturday, defeating Fullerton 25-8, 25-13, Kenesaw 25-11, 25-16 and Freeman 20-25, 26-24, 25-22. In Kenesaw's other match, the Blue Devils fell to Freeman 25-11, 25-14.

In the match with Fullerton, Jenna Rhodes led Exeter-Milligan with 12 kills and two ace serves. Allee Kuska added five kills, one ace block, one ace serve and five digs. Lindsey Moore tallied 17 assists for the Timberwolves and Kayti Mark added one kill and one ace block. Megan Kuska had one ace serve and Katie Briske added eight digs. Rachel Manning added six digs for the win for E-M.

Against Freeman, Allee Kuska led the Timberwolves with 16 kills and three ace blocks. Rhodes added nine kills, three ace blocks and one ace serve. Moore had 27 assists, one ace serve and eight digs. Manning added 13 digs and Briske had six. Megan Kuska added seven kills for the Timberwolves.

Megan Kuska had nine kills, two ace blocks, nine digs and three ace serves against Kenesaw. Allee Kuska added eight kills, one ace serve and nine digs. Rhodes had six kills, two ace blocks and 14 digs. Moore tallied 24 assists and Manning had one ace serve and 10 digs. Megan Adams led Kenesaw with five service points and five assists. Hannah Uden added four points and nine digs. Jill Kroll had nine digs and one ace block. Rachel Uden added three kills and

Sarah Mack had one assist. Deidra Ground had one ace block for the Blue Devils.

Against Freeman, Rachel Uden led Kenesaw with three kills, four points and nine digs. Hannah Uden added two points and Kroll had three kills. Adams tallied seven assists and Ground had one ace block. Jessica Peshek added five digs.

ST. CECILIA

KEARNEY — St. Cecilia went 1-2 at the Kearney Catholic tournament, defeating Centura 25-14, 25-14 and falling to Wood River 13-25, 25-16, 26-24 and Ord 25-14, 25-18. Alyssa Belgium led the Hawkettes with seven kills against Centura. Alyssa Farmer had six kills and nine service points. Alex Brosnihan had five kills and nine points. Holly Rundle had four kills. Katelyn Jackson tallied 18 assists.

Against Wood River, Jackson had 26 assists and seven points. Brosnihan had eight kills and seven points. Rundle added seven kills, and Farmer and Kaleigh Chalupa each had six kills. Belgium added four kills. In the loss to Ord, Brosnihan had six kills. Farmer and Fundle each added three kills. Jackson tallied 10 assists and six points.

ADAMS CENTRAL

FIRTH — The Adams Central volleyball team placed fourth at the Norris tournament. The Patriots were 1-2 on the day, defeating Crete 25-22, 25-21 but falling to Gretna 25-13, 25-21 and Platteview 25-7, 25-19.

In the match with Crete, Jade Hodson led Adams Central with nine kills and four ace blocks. Jenna Smidt and Nikki Gottsch each had three ace serves. Sarah Bohlen tallied seven assists and Emilee Lonowski had six. Jami Fowler added 10 digs for the Patriot win.

Against Gretna, Hodson had four kills and four ace blocks. Lonowski tallied four assists and Bohlen added three. Justine Johnson had eight digs.

Smidt led AC against Platteview with three kills, seven points and three ace blocks. Hodson added six kills and Shaina Lay had two ace blocks. Lonowski tallied eight assists.

SANDY CREEK

TOURNAMENT

FAIRFIELD — The Doniphan-Trumbull volleyball team went 2-1 at the Sandy Creek Tournament on Saturday, defeating Fillmore Central 25-20, 25-21 and Superior 25-17, 25-11 before falling to Alma in the championship match 25-11, 25-22. Superior finished fourth, with Sandy Creek claiming fifth and Fillmore Central taking sixth.

Against Fillmore Central, Sarah Tonniges led D-T with five kills, two ace blocks and seven digs. Jordyn Mlinar added four kills and two ace blocks. Christy Kathman had three ace serves and Mallory Lorence had 10 assists. Ashley Schmitz tallied five assists and three ace serves and Brittany McGooden had five digs. Paige Chaney led Fillmore Central with nine kills and three serv-

ice points. Jamie Olena tallied 19 assists and had four points. Katherine Roemmich had four kills and Connie Jones added eight digs and two points. Courtney Maloley had three ace serves and five points and Logan Softley scored two points for the Panthers.

In the match with Superior, Tonniges led again with four kills, three ace serves and nine digs. Kathman added four kills and had four digs. Lorence tallied seven assists and Schmitz had seven assists and two ace serves. Amy Meyer added three ace blocks and three kills and Kayla Guener had three ace serves. McGooden had four digs for the D-T. Britt Simonsen had seven kills to lead Superior. Jess Petsch added four kills and three service points. Chelsea Baker had 11 assists. Shae Tuma and Ashley Hayes each had six digs.

In the championship match with Alma, Tonniges had nine kills and two ace serves. Lorence tallied six assists and Schmitz had six. Kayla Gruener added three kills and three ace serves and Mlinar had one ace block. Meyer had two ace serves and Neilee Nelson had two ace blocks.

In Superior's other two matches, the Wildcats defeated Fillmore Central 25-11, 25-14 and fell to Wilber-Clatonia 25-19, 21-25, 25-23. Against Fillmore Central, Simonsen led the Wildcats with 11 kills, three ace serves and six digs. J.J. Hoins had 12 service points, three kills and 12 digs. Baker had 19 assists and three aces. Jami Bouray and Tuma each had 12 digs.

Against Fillmore Central, Simonsen led the Wildcats with eight kills and two ace serves. Baker had 16 assists and three aces. Stacia Gebers added five kills and four digs. Hoins had eight service points and six digs. Teammate Ashley Hayes added seven digs. Chaney led FC with four kills, one block, 12 digs and one ace serve. Olena tallied nine assists and had four ace serves. Roemmich added four kills and 11 digs. Miranda Burgess had eight digs.

In Fillmore Central's other match, Sandy Creek defeated the Panthers 25-15, 25-14. Chaney led the Panthers with eight kills, one block, five digs and one ace serve. Olena tallied 11 assists and one ace serve. Roemmich added one kill and four ace serves. Natasha Dohrman had four digs.

In the other two matches, Sandy Creek fell to Wilber-Clatonia 25-22, 25-17 and to Alma 25-20, 25-22. No other information was available.

MINDEN

Minden went 1-1 at the Southwest Conference tournament Saturday, defeating Valentine 20-25, 25-14, 25-17 and falling to Ogallala 25-21, 25-23.

Against Valentine, Lea Ann Jameson had 13 kills and two ace serves. Brittanee Hollinger added eight kills and Lindsey Sitorius had 28 assists and four aces. Ann Ahrens added 18 digs and Jaime Miller had 11 digs.

Ahrens and Jameson each had 12 kills against Ogallala. Jameson also had 11 digs. Sitorius tallied 21 assists. Miller had 15 digs and Ahrens added 11.

Fullback: Todd scores first TD

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"It's been a long five years of waiting," Todd said. "I'm glad — now they can't ever claim I wasn't here."

Todd's moment in the sun came on a second-and-goal at the 1-yard line with 28 seconds left in the first quarter.

Taylor dropped to throw and quickly spotted Todd, who had slipped out of the backfield and into the flat.

"When they called the play, I was just hoping I didn't fall down on the way out," Todd joked. "We run the play. We practice it. It's just one of our standard plays. The tight end has caught a couple of touchdowns on that exact same play. He threw the ball my way, and I just had to step into the end zone."

An academic All-American who finished his undergraduate work in biological sciences with a perfect 4.0 GPA, Todd is referred to as "Coach Todd" by running backs coach Randy Jordan and the Nebraska I-backs.

"Coach Jordan just always called me that this season, so it's stuck with the I-backs," Todd said. "I assume it's just because I know what's going on. I'm not afraid to tell them when they make a mistake, and they aren't afraid to tell me."

Jordan didn't hide his excitement when asked about watching the fifth-year senior make his first trip to payday.

"I love it. I love it," Jordan said of Todd's touchdown. "Dane, I call him the professor. He's so smart, he's so intelligent but it goes so unnoticed in terms of what he does as a blocker and as a leader on this team. Just to see him be able to score, it was a great feeling for me as a coach."

Used mostly as a blocking back, Todd has seen the field a lot more in the first two weeks of the 2006 season as Coach Bill Callahan has put an emphasis on improving the Nebraska running attack that ranked near the bottom of the nation statistically last year.

Even with the increase in playing time over the past two weeks, the humble Todd understands his role in the West Coast offense and what he is expected to do.

"I've played a lot more this far this season, but there are going to be games this year where we need to throw the ball a lot more and I won't get as many snaps in those games," he said. "It just depends on the game plan and the situation. I don't mind as long as we are moving the ball and scoring touchdowns."

Todd added to his memorable day with an 8-yard reception in the second quarter in which he got a key block from I-back Marlon Lucky.

"Marlon did a great job of blocking when I caught the little check down pass in the flat," Todd said. "I saw him out of the corner of my eye flying across. I'm just glad he can return the favor once in a while."

While he isn't likely to become Nebraska's new feature back, Jordan appreciates what Todd brings to the team on a daily basis.

"He brings a leadership quality to the group of guys," Jordan said. "He's been here for a while and he's a local kid, so he cares about what happens to this team. And he's willing to do anything and everything to help us succeed on the football field."

After thinking about what it would be like to celebrate a score in the North end zone for more than five years, Todd said Saturday's touchdown was more than he ever imagined.

"It's probably better than I thought it would be," Todd said. "It was just fun. It was fun to be out there with all my friends playing the game and contributing."

Even the fullback wasn't spared at least a few questions about the Huskers' trip to California Saturday to do battle with fourth-ranked USC.

"They are a great football team," Todd said of the Trojans. "They are just like Nebraska of old. People talked about Nebraska back then when we were winning national championships and now USC is doing it. They are a great football team, and we are looking forward to playing them."

Minden Cross Country

BROKEN BOW — The Minden boys cross country team finished second at the Broken Bow invitational Saturday with 41 points. Ogallala won with 21 points.

Al Sanabria led Minden with a third-place finish in a time of 16:25. Teammate Jarid Holliday was seventh (16:53) and Dan Pesek was 14th (17:57). Ogallala's Jesse Adams won with a time of 16:07.

Gypsy Serrano placed third with a time of 15:49 to lead the Minden girls, who finished sixth in the team race with 82 points. Broken Bow, led by Katie White's first-place finish with a time of 15:04, won with 27 points.

Boys Team Results

1, Ogallala 21; 2, Minden 41; 3, Broken Bow 55; 4, Ainsworth 84; 5, Ord 88; 6, Valentine 96; 7, Gothenburg 101; 8, Gibbon 114; 9, McCook 177.

Minden Boys Results

Al Sanabria 16:25, Jarid Holliday 16:53, Dan Pesek 17:57, Josh Werner 18:10, Spencer Allen 18:55, Colby Dolan 19:03.

Girls Team Results

1, Broken Bow 27; 2, Gothenburg 38; 3, Ainsworth 49; 4, Eustis-Farnam 59; 5, Gibbon 80; 6, Minden 82; 7, Valentine 100; 8, Ogallala 117; 9, McCook 164; 10, Ord 179.

Minden Girls Results

Gypsy Serrano 15:49, Sarah Nielsen 17:37, Lisa Vogelgesang 17:44, Katrina Panec 17:44, Audrey Jacobson 18:01, Mariah Schmidt 19:11.