

## Bulldogs Advance in League Tournament

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs captured their third win of the season in the opening round of the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament at Wheatland on Monday. They easily defeated the Healy Eagles 68-28 to advance in the tournament. "It was great to get this first tournament win under our belt," said Tristan Schwarz, senior. "It helps us set the pace for the remainder of the week."

The Bulldogs, who outnumbered and outsized the Eagles squad, won the tip, but the Eagles made the first basket before the Bulldogs ripped off a 30-0 run following a free throw from Kade Wessel.

The Eagles struggled with turnovers and the Bulldogs filled the floor with steals, fast breaks, and layups to end the first quarter 22-2. They continued to drive the game in the second gaining a 30-3 advantage before the Eagles got back on the boards with a free throw.

As the younger players gained experience for the Bulldogs, the young Eagle team was not afraid to attack the basket hitting a field goal and a three-pointer along with another basket to score 9 in the second quarter. The Bulldog's weren't backing down and a 2 point buzzer shot from freshman Nick Brown put the 'Dogs up 45-11 at the half.

The Bulldog continued to move the ball well in the second half as they extended their lead to 64-21 in the third. With a running clock in the fourth, the Bulldogs finished the game with a 68-28 win. Posting up points for the Bulldogs were: Shane Ryburn-14, Tristan Schwarz-13, Grant Spresser-10, Koi Wessel-10, Kade Wessel-9, Nick Brown-4, Jesus Aragon-4, Cole Ziegelmeier-2, and Domonic Luna-2.

They will return to Grainfield on Tuesday for a rematch against the Triplains/Brewster Titans. The Bulldogs had defeated the Titans last Friday and it promises to be an exciting tournament for both teams. The Eagles will finish their tournament play on Saturday morning in Colby.