

Bulldogs Win Last Game

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs won their last game of the season over the Cheylin Cougars on February 28. The Bulldogs concluded regular season play by winning four of their last five games with their loss a three-point game.

Things didn't look good for the Bulldogs in their first quarter on the Cougars home floor as Koi Wessel made the only basket of the quarter. He added four in the second along with three from Shane Ryburn but the Bulldogs trailed 14-9 at the half.

Following a half time consultation with the coaches, the Bulldogs stepped on the floor ready to hit some shots. They put in 16 points in the third, half of them coming from the free throw line, five from Koi Wessel. The defense also stepped up their game holding the Cougars to 5 to give the Bulldogs a 25-19 lead heading into the fourth.

Both teams hustled through the fourth and spent considerable time at the charity stripe. Golden Plains added 23 points to their total while the Cougars nearly doubled their score with 17 to give the Bulldogs a 48-36 final win of the season.

Twenty of the Bulldogs 48 points came from the free throw line as they hit 20 of their 32 attempts. The Cougars score included 8 single shots. Scoring for GP came from Koi Wessel-12, including 8 free shots; Shane Ryburn-11, Tristan Schwarz-11, Kade Wessel-9, Zach Spresser-3, and Grant Spresser 2.

The Bulldogs finished their season with an 11 wins and 10 losses. "We have continued to play better together throughout the season," said senior Zach Spresser. The Bulldogs will play in the Sub-State tournament against the Thunderhawks from Wheatland/Grinnell. "It's been a great season," added senior Grant Spresser. "We have enjoyed seeing our skills and teamwork improve as the season progressed. I will miss playing with these guys next year."