

## Bulldogs Battle Ringnecks

By Judy Rogers

The varsity boys from Golden Plains worked hard in their game against the Hill City Ringnecks on February 11, but the Ringnecks took home the win. The game stayed close as the Bulldogs stepped up their defense and never gave up.

The game got off to a slow start as the Ringnecks pulled ahead 10-5 by the end of the first. Tristan Schwarz put in all five points for the Bulldogs and continued to hit key shots throughout the game.

Grant Spresser hit a three to start the third with a perfect pass from Zach Spresser. Kade and Koi Wessel added points before Shane Ryburn hit his stride to finish the first half with the Bulldogs trailing 12-27.

Schwarz and Ryburn had come to play and each made multiple basket in the third quarter and brought the game to within 8 with a 24-42 third quarter score. The Ringnecks hit a couple of quick shots to widen the game in the beginning of the fourth, but the Bulldogs once again fought back to close the gap. However, they couldn't quite catch up and lost the game in the end 35-60.

"Our defense helped keep the score closer than some had anticipated," said Zach Spresser. Shane Ryburn and Tristan Schwarz led the Bulldogs offense with 15 and 12 points respectively along with 3 each from Grant Spresser and Koi Wessel and 2 from Kade Wessel. The Bulldogs will travel to Healy on Friday before returning home to host the Triplains/Brewster Titans on Tuesday and the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks on Friday for the last home games of the season.