

Bulldogs Out Hustle the Huskies

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs stepped on the floor in Almena on February 25 and hustled their way to another win over the Northern Valley Huskies. This was the first meeting between these two teams this season.

Zach Spresser opened the game with a 3 and the Bulldogs were off and running. "Zach's opening three set the pace for the game," said senior Shane Ryburn. Tristan Schwarz added three baskets with one apiece by Kade and Koi Wessel to give the Bulldogs a 13-3 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Huskies stepped up their defense in the second putting in 10 points, holding the Bulldogs to 7. Following the half time break with the Bulldogs carrying a 20-13 lead, the visiting Bulldogs came back and answered the Huskies aggressive play by hitting 8 of 12 free throws to extend their lead to 38-25 by the end of the third.

Neither team was ready to quit in the fourth. Tristan Schwarz added five more buckets and 2 free shots along with 6 points from Kade Wessel. The Huskies also pushed hard shooting 100% on their free throws and forcing some three's, but it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs won their ninth game of the season 56-38.

"This was a good win for us as it helped us gain a better seeding for Sub-State," said Tristan Schwarz, who scored 24 points for the Bulldogs – 12 of them in the fourth quarter. Kade Wessel added 12 for the Bulldogs along with 10 from Shane Ryburn. Also contributing to the win were Koi Wessel-5, Zach Spresser-3, and Grant Spresser-2.

The Bulldogs will have one more regular season game against the Cheylin Cougars before heading to Grainfield for Sub-State tournament action.