

## Bulldogs Work for Win By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs worked hard for the 45-36 win over Palco on January 15 in Rexford. "We worked for all four quarters," said Brett Gerbitz, junior. "We overlooked them early in the game, but held them to 10 in the second half."

The Bulldogs got the tip but the Roosters scored first. Kade Wessel put in a couple of baskets to tie the game at 4 before the Roosters went on an 11 point run to lead 15-4. A three from Brett Gerbitz ended the quarter with the 'Dogs trailing 7-15.

Kade Wessel was determined to start the second with some baskets narrowing the spread to 12-18. AJ Camacho then hit a couple of shots along with some free throws from Nick Brown. A basket from Koi Wessel put the Bulldogs within one at 22-23 near the end of the quarter. Dustin Hamel hit a three at the buzzer to give the Roosters the lead 26-22 at the half.

The Bulldogs were determined to improve their outcome in the second half as they worked together. Camacho added to the home score. Two in a row from Koi Wessel midway through the quarter tied the game up at 28. Kade Wessel gave the 'Dogs their first lead of the game only to have the Rooster tie it back up. Koi hit a free throw to regain the lead, but another buzzer shot from the Roosters allowed them to keep the lead 32-31 going into the fourth.

The game was far from over. The Bulldogs quickly regained the lead. The Roosters fought back, but the Bulldogs didn't back down. A bucket from Kade Wessel gave the lead back to the 'Dogs who held on for their fourth win of the season 45-36.

"Our man offense was good," added Gerbitz, "but we still need to work on our zone offense and on our back side rebounding." Kade Wessel put in 14 points for the Bulldogs. AJ Camacho scored 11, Koi Wessel added 9, Brett Gerbitz-7, Jesus Aragon-2, and Nick Brown-2. The Bulldogs will be at home again on January 19 hosting the Cheylin Cougars before traveling to Almena on January 22 to take on the Northern Valley Huskies.