

Bulldogs Lose Last Home Game

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs lost their last home game of the season to the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks on February 19 in Rexford. The Bulldogs had lost to the 'Hawks at Castle Rock by 11. This 42-50 loss indicated how much the boys have improved throughout the season and set the Bulldogs record at 9-10 for the year.

The Bulldogs opened the game with a 3 from junior Dawson Spresser. Another quick basket from freshman AJ Camacho put the 'Dogs up 5-2. The 'Hawks answered again but Kade Wessel made a basket and Spresser hit another 3 to keep the 'Dogs in the lead. The 'Hawks tied the game up at 10 near the end of the quarter, then pulled ahead. A late shot by Koi Wessel tied the game at 12.

A quick steal and bucket from Camacho put the 'Dogs back on top to start the second. The 'Hawks pulled ahead once again but Camacho hit a three to bring it to within one. Two free shots from Kade Wessel gave the 'Dogs another lead. After a Thunderhawk 3, Camacho tied the game up twice more to make the half time a 23-23 tie.

The third quarter continued to be a back and forth battle as both sides of the gym heartily encouraged the boys. The Bulldogs added 9 to the Thunderhawks 8 to hold a one point lead going into the fourth. Chandler Ostmeyer from Wheatland/Grinnell could not be stopped as he made an additional 16 out of his 26 points in the fourth. The 'Hawks sent Camacho to the line multiple times where he succeeded in all five attempts, but it wasn't enough as the 'Hawks won the game 50-42.

Camacho finished the game with 19 points for the Bulldogs. Kade Wessel added 8, Dawson Spresser-7, Brett Gerbitz-6, and Koi Wessel-2. "We came out fired up," said Camacho. "Our defense wasn't that great, so we didn't finish they game how we were supposed to." "It doesn't matter how good the other team is if we don't play together," said Dawson Spresser. "We have to improve and works as a team in order to win." "We need to step up for the Sub-State tournament," added Camacho.

The Bulldogs will meet the Thunderhawks once more this season as they will play them in the semi-finals of the Sub-State tournament on March 3 in Grainfield