

Bulldogs Play Close With Trojans

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted the #3 state ranked Logan Trojans on January 12 in Rexford. The “Dogs played hard ending the game with a six point loss at 45-51. “We got off to a good start,” said senior Kade Wessel. “We came out with intensity and worked together. This game shows our potential.”

The Dogs were focused and ready to play as they hit the floor with a quick two from Koi Wessel. The Trojans answered and kept the game tied up through the 6-6 mark. The Bulldogs took over and scored consistently with repeated steals and baskets to gain a 20-10 lead. Brett Gerbitz hit a three at the first quarter buzzer to give the ‘Dogs a 23-10 lead.

Logan picked up their pace in the second and turned on the defense to hold the Bulldogs to four points from Koi Wessel. They stepped up their offense to tie the game up at 27 with under two minutes until half. Following a steal, Austin Tien made two quick threes to give the Trojans a 34-27 lead at the half.

The game slowed in the third as the Bulldogs put in 9 and held the Trojans to 8. The Trojans still held a 6-point lead 42-36 going into the fourth.

The Trojans scored to extend their lead at the beginning of the fourth, but Gerbitz answered with another 3 to close the gap. Another Trojan basket was answered once again by a Gerbitz 3 to give narrow the Trojan’s lead to 46-42 with under 3 minutes to play. AJ Camacho then hit a three at the minute and a half mark to make it a one-point game.

The teams started fouling in the last minute to attempt to control the ball. The Trojans were successful from the free throw line to win the game 51-45. “We played the #3 team in the state tonight and were up 13 after the first quarter,” said Coach Travis Smith. “We had our typical 2nd quarter, played even the rest of the game and lost by 6. I am so proud of the attitude and effort we showed. I hope this is the boost we need for the rest of the season.”

Brett Gerbitz scored four three-pointers for 12 in the game along with 12 from Koi Wessel. Camacho had 10 and Kade Wessel 9. Two from Dawson Spresser rounded out the scoring for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs hosted a second home game of the week against Logan on Friday.