

GP Scholars Finish Season By Lauren Patmon

The Golden Plains Scholars Bowl finished their season with competitions at the WKLL meet and Regionals. “We had a really good season,” said captain Taryn Fleckenstein. We are only losing one senior so look forward to another good season next year.”

The team competed in the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholars Bowl meet on Wednesday, January 16. Competing for the Dogs was Karri Schaben, Joseph Yanez, Taryn Fleckenstein, Haley Miller, Wyatt McDonald, and Flint Hodge. They had nine rounds, and went into the tournament as a 4th seed.

In the first round, they lost to Heartland Christian with a score of 15-30. The Bulldogs won the next round over Brewster 70-0. They won both the third and fourth rounds against Logan 50-30 and Palco 40-20. They continued the winning streak into the fifth round, beating Cheylin 40-20. However, they fell to Wheatland in the sixth 30-70. In the seventh round, the Dogs won over Healy 40-0, and in the eighth round they defeated Triplains 40-0.

The Bulldogs won against Northern Valley, 30-20 in the 9th round, but fell to Western Plains in the 10th round, 20-60. In the final round, GP won against Weskan, 35-10 to give them an overall record of 8-3 placing 3rd behind Western Plains in first and Wheatland/Grinnell in second.

The Regional tournament was held in Atwood on January 31. They were in a pool with Northern Valley, Cheylin, Wheatland, Logan, St. Francis, and Weskan and won over Logan, 40-0, St. Francis, 30-20, and Weskan 30-20. GP went 3-4 at Regionals and did not make it out of pool play.

“I’ve really enjoyed being a member of the Golden Plains Scholar Bowl team throughout high school,” said senior Haley Miller. “We’ve had good teams with tough competitors. I would encourage other student to participate in Scholar’s Bowl.”