Bulldogs End Season at Regionals By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team finished their season with a 52-63 loss to Triplains/Brewster in the first round of the Regional tournament in Brewster on February 19.

The Bulldogs opened the game with a shot from junior Harley Weese. The Titans quickly tied it up and pulled ahead 15-9 by the end of the first quarter. The Dogs worked hard in the second to stay in the game as they outscored the Titans 19-18 to trail by five at the half 28-33.

Weese hit a quick shot to open the third bringing the game within three. The Dogs added 10 while the Titans pushed forward with 18 extending their lead to 51-38.

The Bulldogs played with all they had for their final quarter of the season. Working together, they were down 49-63 with just seconds to go. Senior Josh Spresser threw up the ball at half court just before the buzzer and made the basket to end the game 52-63. "It was exciting to see that last shot go in," said Spresser. "It was a great way to end my senior season."

Harley Weese finished the game with 19 points along with 12 from sophomore Wade Rush. Jacob Ritter added 7, Josh Spresser 6, Caleb Korte 6, and Colby Lathrop 2.

The Bulldogs posted four wins this season. They will graduate five seniors while returning several starting players. "Although we didn't win as many games as we would have liked, we played better as a team," said Jacob Ritter. "It was a fun season," added Nolan Ritter. "It was fun to spend the time in practice and playing the games with our classmates." "We have had four coaches the past four years," continued Dylan Spresser. "It was like starting over every year and led to some frustrations for the players. I wish them good luck next year." "I am going to miss being a Golden Plains Athlete," concluded Caleb Korte.