

## Bulldogs Drop Two at Sagebrush By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs basketball team lost two games at the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster December 5 and 8.

The Dogs opened the tournament on Tuesday, December 5, against the St. Francis Indians. The Indians took an early lead but baskets by Abe Taylor and Open Patmon kept the game close. Another shot by Dylan Wark tied the game up. Perez and Rath each hit a shot to take the lead but the Indians tied it back up and hit an And-One to lead 14-11 at the end of the first.

The Dogs outscored the Indians 12-7 in the second quarter as the Dogs moved the ball around the floor with shots from Perez, Wark, Patmon, and Rath. They held a slight lead 23-21 at the half.

The Dogs continued to play hard in the second half as they again outscored the Indians 10-7 in the third. The game stayed close throughout the fourth quarter as the Dogs held the lead most of the game. The Indians pulled ahead with just over a minute left in the game only to have a basket by Wark put the Dogs up by one. With 3 seconds remaining, the Indians made a last second shot to win the game 38-37.

Wark led the Dogs with 12 points against the Indians. Rath and Perez each added 8, Patmon 5, Taylor 2, and Miguel Garcia 2. Garcia led in rebounds with 7, Wark 6, Rath 5, Perez 5, Patmon 3, and Roberto Araux, Jose Rios, and Abe Taylor with 1 each. Wark also had 3 steals and Perez 1. Rath and Perez had 2 assists each with Garcia and Will Bruggeman having 1 each. Garcia had a block and Patmon and Wark each had 3 deflections, Rath 2, and Ezekiel Weiner and Garcia 1 each.

The Dogs advanced to play Triplains/Brewster Titans in the semi-finals on Friday, December 8. The Dogs started off strong, but the Titans took over 19-10 by the end of the first. The Dogs added another 9 in the second as the Titans put in 14 to hold on to their lead 33-19.

The Dogs improved in the third quarter adding 12 but the Titans added 16. The Dogs outscored the Titans 14-8 in the fourth but the Titans maintained their lead for the win 57-46. Dylan Wark led the Bulldogs with 26 points. Josh Rath added 6, Jose Rios 4, Will Bruggeman 4, Owen Patmon 3, and Ezekiel Weiner, Miguel Garcia, and Abe Taylor with 1 each.

Rath led the Dogs with 8 rebounds, Perez 6, Wark 4, Taylor 3, Patmon 2, Bruggeman 2, Garcia 2, Dominic Stout, Roberto Araux, and Jose Rios with 1 each. Rath, Stout, and Perez each had 2 assists, along with 2 each from Wark and Patmon. Wark had 8 steals and 4 deflections, Rath 3 steals and 1 deflection, Rios, 2 steals, Araux Perez and Patmon with 1 steal each and Ezekiel Weiner had 1 deflection.

“We are scoring more this year than we did most games last year,” said Dylan Wark. “We just need to stop the other team from scoring.” The Dogs return to regular season play with a 0-4 record and look forward to getting a win as they travel to Healy on December 15 to play the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats.