

Bulldogs Take Down the Titans By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School boys basketball team defeated the Triplains/Brewster Titans 68-47 in Rexford on January 19. This was the first time the varsity Bulldogs won over the Titans since January 2016.

The Titans got off to a good start in the first quarter with a 7-0 run to start the game. The Dogs hit three free throws along with a 3 from junior Owen Patmon to bring the game within one. Both teams continued to score ending the quarter with a 14-11 Titan lead.

The Bulldogs picked up the pace in the second as they added 20 points—including 6 from junior Miguel Garcia. The Titans worked hard but only added 12 as the Dogs took over the lead 31-26 at the half.

The Dogs came out strong in the third and drove to the basket repeatedly. As the Titans got into foul trouble, junior Josh Rath sank 7 out of 8 free throws in the quarter. Sophomore Dylan Wark hit for 9 along with shots from Diego Perez, Garcia, Patmon, and Will Bruggeman. The Titans added 11 as the Dogs extended their lead to 54-37.

The Dogs continued to roll into the fourth driving in for 14. The Titans never gave up and added another 10 for the final score of 68-47 in favor of Golden Plains. “We all worked together and moved the ball well,” said junior Abe Taylor. “We really wanted to beat Triplains/Brewster since it had been such a long time since we’d won over them.”

Dylan Wark finished the game with 21 points for the Bulldogs along with 15 from Josh Rath who shot 10 for 12 from the free throw line. Miguel Garcia added 8, Owen Patmon 5, Will Bruggeman 5, Diego Perez 4, Zeke Weiner 3, Abe Taylor 3, Jose Rios 2, and Javier Romero 2.

In addition to their scores, Rath pulled down 7 rebounds, had 3 assists, 4 deflections, and 6 steals and Wark had 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 deflections, and 4 steals. Garcia had 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 deflection, and 1 block. Perez had 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, 1 deflection, and 2 steals. Taylor had 5 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Patmon had 3 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 deflections. Weiner had 1 assist and 1 steal; Rios had 3 rebounds, and 1 block; Dominic Stout had 2 rebounds, and Bruggeman had 1 rebound.

The Bulldogs played at home again on January 23 when they hosted Quinter.