

Bulldogs Open Season at Home

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Boys Basketball team opened their season in Rexford on December 1 as they hosted the Weskan Coyotes. The Dogs got off to a difficult start, but worked consistently to work their way into the game as they lost to the Coyotes 52-76.

The first quarter was pretty much all about the Coyotes as they jumped to a 17-0 lead before the Dogs sank their first shot from junior Owen Patmon. Sophomore Diego Perez then sang back to back shots and finished the quarter with two free throws to trail the Coyotes 8-23 at the end of the quarter.

Once the Dogs found the basket, they continued to sink shots. Sophomore Dylan Wark put in 6 in the second quarter while sophomore Zeke Weiner and senior Will Bruggeman each added a free throw and freshman Roberto Araux nailed a 3. The Coyotes added 13 to lead the Bulldogs 36-19 at the half.

Wark continued to hit shots in the third quarter as he put in 7 along with 4 from junior Josh Rath and 3 from junior Miguel Garcia along with another basket by Patmon. The Coyotes pressed hard as the Bulldogs rotated players due to accumulating fouls to add 26. The Dogs never gave up as they outscored the Coyotes 17-14 in the fourth, but Weskan's earlier lead gave them the win 76-52.

"We had a lot of fouls," said Josh Rath. Four of the Bulldog players fouled out in the game with two others playing with 3 each. "We moved the ball well and scored more than in nearly every single game last season. Our passes connected and we ran our offense as intended. We worked well and were patient on our shots. Hopefully we can get a couple of wins this season."

Dylan Wark finished the game with 20 points for the Bulldogs. Perez added 8, Rath 7, Patmon 6, Garcia 5, Araux 3, Bruggeman 2, and Weiner 1. Rath led the Dogs with 10 rebounds along with Perez 7, Garcia 6, Patmon 6, Bruggeman 3, Wark 2, and Araux 1. Patmon had 2 assists along with 1 each from Rath, Wark, and Perez. Rath had 5 steals, Wark 3, Perez 3, Patmon 2, and Araux 1. Rath and Bruggeman each had a block along with 2 deflections by Patmon and 1 each by Rath, Perez, and Garcia. The Dogs will play St. Francis in the first round of the Sagebrush Tournament on December 5 in Brewster.