

Lady Bulldogs Win Close Game Over Knights By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains varsity girls basketball team won a hard-fought close game 50-44 over the Victoria Lady Knights in Victoria on January 6.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the game with a 3 from Anais Cepeda only to have the Knights answer and take the lead. A couple more threes from Hayden Wark and Jordyn Fleckenstein brought the game within two 9-11. A late quarter shot from Kadalen Unrein tied the game up 11-11 to finish the first.

The Knights regained the lead to start the second but the Dogs tied it up twice more before taking the lead midway through the quarter. Two in a row from Fleckenstein extended the lead. The Knights put the Dogs on the free throw line and the Dogs made their shots to lead 26-19 at the half.

The Knights stepped up their defense in the third quarter holding the Dogs to 4 while added 11 of their own to tie the game at 30. The Knights added another 14 in the fourth but they repeatedly sent the Dogs to the line where they made 12 free throws. Additional baskets by Wark and Fleckenstein helped give the Bulldogs the win 50-44.

Junior Hayden Wark led the Bulldogs with 18 points—11 from behind the line. She made 11 of her 15 attempts during the game. “I’m glad I was able to make my free throws to help us win the game,” said Wark. “It’s something we’ve worked on since we were little kids. All that practice does pay off.” Jordyn Fleckenstein added 13 points, Anais Cepeda 10, Kailee Wessel 6—she made 4 of her 6 free throw attempts, and Kadalen Unrein 3.

The Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 6-2 as they travel to Palco on January 12 to play the Logan/Palco Trojans.