

Bulldogs Play in Oakley
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team played an added game against the Oakley Plainsmen in Oakley on February 15. The Dogs completed well with the Plainsmen but fell 38-58 by the end of the game.

The Dogs opened with a 3 from Dylan Wark. Josh Rath added a basket and Wark a free throw to lead 6-0 before Oakley scored their first basket. The Plainsmen went on a 7 point run to take the lead. Abe Taylor Zeke Weiner each added a shot to regain the lead for the Dogs but the Plainsmen answered to pull ahead 12-10 by the end of the first.

Wark and Taylor added baskets in the second quarter for the Bulldogs as the Plainsmen extended their lead to 22-16 at the half. Wark shot in 9 more points for the Dogs in the third. The Plainsmen hit multiple 3's in the third along with additional shots to increase their score to 40.

Neither team backed down as they played the last 8 minutes. The Bulldogs added 13 led by a couple of 3's from Rath, but the Plainsmen finished with 28 to claim the win 58-38. "It was a good experience to play against a larger school," said junior Owen Patmon. "It will help us as we prepare for the post season."

Wark led the Bulldogs offense with 21 points. Rath added 8, Taylor 4, Weiner 3, and Miguel Garcia 2. Rebounds were pulled down by Wark 6, Garcia 6, Taylor 5, Rath 5, Weiner 3, Patmon 2, and Will Bruggeman 1. Assists were made by Garcia 3, Diego Perez 2, Wark 1, Rath 1, and Taylor 1. Steals were snatched by Wark 3, Patmon 3, Rath 2, Perez 2, Garcia 1, and Taylor 1.

"We've had a pretty good season so far," added Patmon. "We've improved a lot from last year and continue to improve as we move into the post season." The Dogs played again on February 16 as they traveled to Almena to face the Northern Valley Huskies.