

## Bulldogs Season On the Run

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs basketball season is off and running as they started off in Grainfield on December 1 with a contest against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.

The Bulldogs started off the first with two free throws from sophomore Nolan Ritter. Dawson Spresser scored and Ritter added two more free shots. Sophomore Caleb Korte went on an 8 point run to give the Bulldogs a 14-10 lead at the end of the first.

Gerbitz extended the lead in the second to 17-10 but bad passes and out of control play gave the Thunderhawks the ball repeatedly which they were able to convert to tie the game up. Cory Prewo and Jorje Esparza couldn't miss as they pulled the 'Hawks ahead 33-22 by half time.

The Bulldogs were determined and continued to work hard but only managed another 9 points in the third. The 'Hawks put on the press and added 13 to extend their lead to 46-31. The 'Hawks laid in another 15 holding the 'Dogs to 6 to win the game 61-37.

"I feel like we played well in the first half, but we weren't patient when they put pressure on us in the second half," said Brett Gerbitz. "We've been working on breaking the press in practice so we should get better." "We didn't work as well as we could have," added Dawson Spresser. "We continue to work on the press break, ball handling, and being more aggressive inside."

Caleb Korte finished the game with 19 points along with 7 from Gerbitz, 5 from Ritter, and 2 each from Jose Ortiz, Dylan Spresser, and Dawson Spresser. Following the Sagebrush tournament, the Bulldogs will play at home on December 16 for their final game before Christmas break when they host the Northern Valley Huskies.