Bulldogs Finish Scholar Bowl Season at League and Regional

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The Golden Plains High School Scholars’ Bowl team traveled to Ransom for the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar’s Bowl meet on January 18. The Bulldogs went 4-6 in this tournament. Team members included seniors Memo Aragon and McHaley Carter, juniors Jordyn Fleckenstein and Emma Weiner, and sophomore Wyatt Amlong.

The Bulldogs started the League meet with a loss to Placo, they then came back and won twice in a row over Heartland Christian (40-20) and Winona/Triplains (40-0). In the next round, the Bulldogs had a bye. The Bulldogs took a loss against Cheylin (40-50) and then won against Ransom/Western Plains (50-10). The Bulldogs competed hard but they lost three in a row to Wheatland/Grainfield (10-20), Logan (10-40), and Weskan (10-20). After all those losses the Bulldogs came back with a win against Healy (40-30). In the last round, the Bulldogs ended with a close loss to Northern Valley (30-40).

“We definitely need to walk into Regionals with more confidence,” said Emma Weiner. “If we have more confidence then we should have a good chance of beating the teams that we just lost to by 10 points.”

The Bulldogs traveled back to Ransom for Regional Scholars’ Bowl on Thursday, February 3. The team went 3-3 in this tournament. With members seniors Memo Aragon and McHaley Carter, juniors Jordyn Fleckenstein and Emma Weiner, and sophomores Wyatt Amlong and Dominic Stout.

The Bulldogs started the tournament with a close loss against Northern Valley (50-60). After the first round of losing the Bulldogs came back and took the win against Wilson (30-0). The next two rounds came out with losses from Thunder Ridge (20-30) and Cheylin (20-30). To finish the day the Bulldogs claimed two wins against Natoma (20-0) and Logan (20-10).

“Scholars Bowl meets are always fun to go to and participate in,” said McHaley Carter. “It was so exciting to see that we were only 10 points away from making the championship. We competed as much as we could and we left the season feeling accomplished in ourselves.”