Bulldogs Come Back for the Win By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs pulled off a fourth quarter comeback in Winona on January 10, for a last-second 41-39 win over the Triplains/Brewster Titans. The Bulldogs fell behind in the first quarter 11-6, but worked hard on both ends of the floor to tie the game up at 21 by the half.

The Titans went on an 18-8 run in the third quarter to put the Bulldogs down by 10 going into the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs were determined and stepped up their defense to hold the Titans scoreless for the remainder of the game. Seniors Grant Spresser and Shane Ryburn took advantage of their teammates defensive efforts to put the game to within 3 with just seconds remaining.

Spresser hit a three to tie it up and the crowd erupted with excitement. Ryburn grabbed a loose ball and headed down the floor and soared to the basket making the shot just before the buzzer to give the Bulldogs their second win of the season.

"We played a great second half," said Sophomore Kade Wessel. "Defense was where the game was won." He added, "We found our rhythm at the right time and persevered for the win. We appreciate the crowd's support."

Ryburn led the team in points with 18. Grant Spresser and Tristan Schwarz each contributed 9. Kade Wessel added 3 along with Koi Wessel-2. The Bulldogs will head to the WKLL tournament on Monday where they anticipate a rematch with the Titans.