HS Boys Start New Year in St. Francis By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School boys started of the new year with a game in St. Francis on January 3. They had practiced hard over break and were ready to hit the floor and see what they had gained.

The first quarter started out a little slow as the Bulldogs put in 5 points—all from Senior Grant Spresser—to the Indians 7. They picked up the pace in the second with multiple baskets made by several players to score 13 to the Indians 19.

Trailing 26-18 to start the second half, the boys knew they were still within striking distance but just couldn't get their shots to fall only making 6 points while the Indians added 11 to their side of the scoreboard. The Bulldogs didn't give up as they worked hard and distributed the ball to add another 14 points in the fourth. The Indians never let up and held on for the 55-38 win.

"Our shots wouldn't fall," said Shane Ryburn, senior. "Coach Doll told us we need to pass up those good shots for the better shots," added Grant Spresser, "but we are doing a great job as a team on defense."

Grant Spresser led the Bulldogs with 11 points along with Shane Ryburn with 10. Koi Wessel added another 8 along with Kade Wessel-6, and Tristan Schwarz-1. The Bulldogs will travel to Winona to play the Triplains/Brewster Titans on January 10 before entering the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on January 13.