

## Bulldogs Defeat Cougars in Overtime

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs defeated the Cheylin Cougars for the third time this season 58-50 in overtime at Rexford on February 9. The Bulldogs had won a close match against the Cougars in the Sagebrush tournament early in the season and won again in the league tournament.

The boys battled it out to start the game off, but the Cougars pulled ahead 14-9 by the end of the first. The Bulldogs stepped up their defense in the second quarter to hold the Cougars to 4 while pulling ahead for a one point half time lead 19-18.

The Bulldogs got off to another great start in the third with early points from Caleb Korte and Nolan Ritter. Wade Rush added a couple of threes. The Cougars fought back to bring the game to within 3 but a last second three pointer from Jacob Ritter gave the 'Dogs a six-point lead at the buzzer.

The Cougars opened the fourth with a three of their own then added a couple more baskets to gain a two-point lead. Another basket from Jacob Ritter for two gave the Bulldogs the lead once more with 3 ½ minutes to play.

Harley Weese dished the ball off to Dylan Spresser to extend the 'Dogs lead by three. Cheylin answered and led 40-39 at the two minute mark. Following a Cougar time out, Rush hit a three but the Cougars tied the game back up at 42 to end regulation and send the game to overtime.

Rush opened the OT with a quick basket. Korte was fouled on his shot, made the basket, and the and-one, to extend the lead. Jacob Ritter hit a free throw on a technical and the 'Dogs were up by 5. Weese added a three pointer. An additional basket by Rush finished the game with a 58-50 win for the Bulldogs. "We played a lot better in the overtime," said Rush. "We scored more in the ot quarter than in any other quarter. That early shot to open the overtime motivated us for the win."

Rush finished the game with 19 points for the Bulldogs. Korte added 14 along with 9 by Nolan Ritter, Harley Weese 8, Jacob Ritter 6, and Dylan Spresser 2. The Bulldogs will play at home again on February 13 when they host Rawlins County.