

Bulldogs Win Final Home Game

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains boys won their last home game of the season over the Palco Roosters 58-46 in Rexford on February 16. The Bulldogs had defeated the Roosters in the final round of the WKLL tournament but had to come from behind for the second win over the Roosters.

The Roosters jumped out on the Bulldogs to gain a 7-0 lead before junior Nolan Ritter scored for the 'Dogs. Palco added another 6 before junior Dylan Spresser hit a three and a couple free throws to end the quarter with a 13-7 Rooster lead.

The late first quarter points spurred the Bulldogs into the second as Spresser hit another three followed by a basket from junior Caleb Korte and a 3 from junior Jacob Ritter to tie the game up at 17. Nolan Ritter extended the lead for the 'Dogs only to have Palco tie it back up. Additional baskets from sophomores Jaime Infante and Harley Weese gave the Bulldogs a 26-20 lead by the half.

The Roosters were not about to give up as they worked hard in the second half. With Palco senior David Thompson fouled out early in the third, the Roosters rallied and continued to put up a fight. The Bulldogs played with pride and determination as they spread the ball around the floor for 16 points, including a last second three from freshman Wade Rush, to the Rooster 14.

With only a 42-34 lead, both teams resolved to battle to the finish. Korte opened the quarter with the first of 4 baskets in the quarter. Jacob Ritter hit another 3 as Weese hit two along with a free shot from Nolan Ritter. The Roosters added 12 to give the Bulldogs the 58-46 win.

Spresser scored a career high 12 along with 12 from Korte and 10 from Weese. Nolan Ritter added 9, Jacob Ritter 6, Wade Rush 5, and Jaime Infante 4. "We have made progress as a team this season," said Wade Rush, Freshman. "We are playing better as a team and getting better at shooting, but we still have work to do." This win moves the Bulldogs to 7-13 on the season as they prepare to play the top ranked Northern Valley Huskies in Almena for their last game of the season on February 20. "Our goal is to be competitive against Northern Valley," added Rush.