

Bulldogs Play First Game of New Year

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted the Logan Trojans for the first game of 2018 on January 5 in Rexford. This was the second time this season the Bulldogs faced the Trojans after playing them in the first round of the Sagebrush tournament.

The Trojans took an early lead before junior Nolan Ritter hit two free throws for the Bulldogs. Freshman Wade Rush added another free shot and a three along with a basket along with an and one from senior Jeron Schutte to give the ‘Dogs a 9-14 score at the end of the first.

Rush hit another three in the second as did sophomore Harley Weese while Rush hit a field goal and Schutte made two free shots as the Trojans went on a 25 point run to lead the Bulldogs 39-19 at the half.

The Bulldogs were determined to play and came out in the third with a focus that helped them to close the spread. Ritter and Rush each added baskets before junior Caleb Korte went on an 8 point run. Junior Dylan Spresser added two more shots to outscore the Trojans 16-10 in the third, but the ‘Dogs trailed the Trojans 35-49 going into the fourth.

Schutte hit another shot to start the fourth giving the Bulldogs a 12 point deficit—their closest spread in the second half. The Trojans answered with a six point run. Ritter added one more basket along with two more three-point shots from Rush as the Trojans won the game 69-45.

“We worked hard to guard their players,” said Nolan Ritter, “but they were still able to outscore us.” “We are improving,” added Ritter. “We need to work on our shot selection and running the offense better.”

Wade Rush led the Bulldogs offense with 17 points—including 4 threes. Caleb Korte added 8 and Jeron Schutte contributed 7. Additional points came from Nolan Ritter-6, Dylan Spresser-4, and Harley Weese-3. The Bulldogs will turn around and play again on Saturday as they travel to St. Francis on January 6.