

Bulldogs Play Saturday Game in St. Francis

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs opened their 2018 season at home on January 5, then turned around to play in St. Francis on Saturday, January 6. This was a challenging game for the Bulldogs as they lost 43-68 to the Indians, but the Bulldogs showed perseverance and never gave up.

The game got off to a rough start for the visiting 'Dogs as they fell behind 2-20 in the first quarter with the only basket coming from junior Caleb Korte. Korte added another 8 in the second quarter along with scores from Nolan Ritter and Jeron Schutte, but the Indians pumped in 35 points, including 6 three's from Tate Busse to hold a 55-14 lead over the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs came back in the third with renewed determination. "I was determined that we needed to get some baskets," said Korte. The Bulldogs outscored the Indians in the third 17-12 with Korte adding another 9 along with three point shots from Wade Rush and Austin Patmon and a field goal from Harley Weese.

The Bulldogs gained additional ground in the fourth as Korte put in six more, Weese added 4, and Colby Lathrop scored a final basket. They held to Indians to a single free throw to finish the game 43-68.

Korte finished the game with a career high 25 points along with 6 from Weese, 3 each from Rush and Patmon, and 2 each from Ritter, Schutte, and Lathrop. "It was nice to score for the team," added Korte. "I would like to have made more of my free throws."

The Bulldogs will be on the road again on Friday as they travel to Western Plains/Healy to take on the Bobcats.