

Bulldogs Play in Sagebrush Tournament By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs continue to look for their first win as they played in the Sagebrush Basketball Tournament in Brewster on December 3, 7, and 8.

The 'Dogs faced off against the Wallace County Wildcats for the first game on Monday afternoon. The Wildcats got off to a quick start as they pulled to a 21-7 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs added a few points in the second quarter but couldn't stop the Wildcats offense as they pulled ahead 40-16 by the half.

The 'Cats continued to outrun the 'Dogs in the second half as they pushed forward to a 68-25 win. Bulldog points were scored by Caleb Korte-15, Wade Rush-6, Austin Patmon 2, and Colby Lathrop 2.

The second game of the tournament was against the Cheylin Cougars. Again, the 'Dogs allowed the Cougars an early lead 21-13 by the end of the first. The 'Dogs outscored the Cougars 15-13 in the second but the Cougars still held a 34-28 half time lead.

The game maintained a 6 point spread in the third with both teams adding 11, but the Cougars hit the three point shot repeatedly in the fourth to extend their lead for the win 67-53. Wade Rush scored consistently throughout the game for a total of 26 points. Jacob Ritter added 12, Nolan Ritter 7, Rojelio Loya 3, Kole Butts 3, and Ashton Schiltz 2.

The final game of the tournament was on Saturday against the Weskan Coyotes. The Bulldogs were able to stay with the Coyotes throughout most of the game trailing by 4 at the end of the first 16-20. The Coyotes pulled ahead in the second to lead 35-26 at the half.

The Bulldogs added another 11 in the third but the Coyotes maintained their lead 49-37. The fourth started out with a three-point shooting contest between the teams with 3 3's in less than a minute. The 'Dogs pushed hard and never quit outscoring the Coyotes 24-22, but the Coyotes held on for the win 71-61.

Rush again led the Bulldog offense with 26 points along with 16 from Nolan Ritter, Jacob Ritter 6, Austin Patmon 5, Josh Spresser 3, Ashton Schiltz 3, and Rojelio Loya 2.

"We gave up too many points in the tournament," said Colby Lathrop. "We need to stay focused and improve our defense," added Nolan Ritter. The Bulldogs will play their first home game of the season on December 14 when they host Northern Valley.