

Bulldogs Play Close in Winona

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldog Basketball team played a close game against the Triplains/Brewster Titans in Winona on January 31. The Bulldogs were led at the end of the first and second quarters, but the Titans pulled ahead in the third and finished with the 5 point win 52-47.

Alex Gonzalez opened the game with four points for the Bulldogs. A basket by Wade Rush gave the Dogs a 6 point lead before the Titans got on the boards. Golden Plains pulled ahead 12-4 but the Titans fought back to tie the game up at 14. A late quarter shot by Gonzalez gave the Dogs the lead at the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs extended their lead at the start of the second, but hard work by both defense and the offense kept the game within two throughout the quarter. A late quarter free throw by Rush gave the Dogs a 2 point lead 27-25 at the half.

The Titans came on strong in the third quarter to pull ahead by five. The Bulldogs fought back and with all seven points in the third coming from Harley Weese, the Dogs were down by five 34-39 going into the last 8 minutes of play.

Not about to give up, the Bulldogs hustled up and down the court and added another 13 in the fourth quarter. The Titans were also able to add 13 in the final minutes to maintain their five point lead for the win 52-47.

"We fought hard," said Colby Lathrop, "and worked together as a team." Points for Golden Plains came from Harley Weese 16, Wade Rush 12, Ashton Schiltz 7, Alex Gonzalez 8, Fabian Cepeda 3, and Rojelio Loya 1.

The Bulldogs played again on Saturday, February 1, against Palco for the first round of the WKLL tournament.