

## Bulldogs Win One at Ransom

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team won their first game of the season against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats in a close game 52-51 in Ransom on January 20.

The Bobcats opened with a basket by the Bulldogs tied it up with a 3 from Austin Patmon. They pulled ahead 8-3 but the Bobcats answered to bring the score to within one. The Dogs held strong to lead 11-7 at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs scored 5 straight to pull ahead by 9 early in the second quarter. The Bobcats answered their drive to tighten up the game and hold a 27-25 lead at the half.

Harley Weese tied the game up to at the start of the third before the Bobcats went on a 9 point run. The Bulldogs put in a couple of shots from Wade Rush and Alex Gonzalez but the Dogs still trailed 32-39 going into the fourth.

The game was far from over as both teams battled for the win. Weese put in three and Rush made a 3-point shot but the Bobcats still led by 9 with just over three minutes to play.

Jaime Infante made a free throw and Ashton Schiltz a field goal, before Roberto Loya hit a shot to bring the game within 5. Infante added another basket with less than a minute to play. With two free throw shots from Rush, the game was within two points. The Bobcats added two free shots of their own to extend their lead to 4.

With 11.7 seconds on the clock, Weese hit another shot. The Bobcats missed the first of a one and one at the line allowing the Bulldogs to get the rebound, head down the floor and make a final layup by Alex Gonzalez with 3.4 seconds left to play.

The Bobcats called a final timeout and rushed down the court to put up a three, which bounced off the front of the rim giving the Bulldogs their first win of the season 52-51.

"I was glad that I made the shot for the win," said Alex Gonzalez "It was good to finally get a win. We look forward to continuing to work as a team to get additional wins."

Weese led the Bulldogs with 14 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 deflections, and 2 steals. Wade Rush added 11 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 deflections, and 4 steals. Alex Gonzalez had 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal. Jaime Infante had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 deflections, and 2 steals along with Ashton Schiltz's 5 points and 4 rebounds. Additional points for the win were scored by Fabian Cepeda 3, Austin Patmon 3, Roberto Loya 2, and Colby Lathrop 2. Lathrop also had 3 rebounds and 2 steals along with an assist and steal by Roberto Loya and an assist by Rojelio Loya.

The Bulldogs will continue their season as they host Weskan on January 24 in Rexford.