

Bulldogs Open Season at Home

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Basketball team opened their season at home on Friday, December 6, in Rexford as they hosted the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks. The varsity boys, coached for a second year by Laura Fellhoelter and Steiner Scott, worked hard in the game but fell to the Hawks 49-65.

The Bulldogs hit the opening shot from senior Jaime Infante and the Hawks answered with a three. Two free throws from senior Harley Weese put them back in the game but the Hawks pulled ahead 16-4. Infante hit two more to close the spread and a score from junior Wade Rush put the Dogs behind 12-20 at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs were unable to add much in the second with 3 free shots from sophomore Ashton Schiltz and a three from Weese as their only points while the Hawks added 17 for a half time lead 37-20 over Golden Plains.

The Dogs added another 8 in the third while the Hawks extended their lead to 57-28. However, Golden Plains controlled the board in the fourth as Rush put in 11 along with 6 from Weese and 2 each from seniors Austin Patmon and Colby Lathrop. They held the Hawks to 8 but Wheatland/Grinnell took home the win 65-49.

“We played as a team tonight,” said Harley Weese, “and ran our offense in the fourth quarter.” “We didn’t look inside like we should,” added Colby Lathrop. “If we continue to play as a team and reduce turnovers, we should be fine.” Wade Rush led the Dogs with 17 points followed by 13 from Weese, Infante 8, Schiltz 3, Lathrop 2, and Patmon 2.

The Bulldogs will head to the Sagebrush tournament on Monday, December 9, where they will face the St. Francis Indians in the first round of play.