

Third Quarter Costs Bulldogs the Win

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team played a close first half with the Wichita County Indians in Leoti on Saturday, January 25. They led for much of the first half but let the game slip away in the third for a 51-70 Bulldog loss.

Wade Rush scored off the tip to start off the game for the Dogs. The Indians answered and pulled ahead with a free throw from Alex Gonzalez and baskets from Austin Patmon and Ashton Schiltz put the Dogs back on top. Rush and Schiltz added a couple more to finish the quarter with an 11-9 Bulldog lead.

The Indians tied the game back up at the start of the second. Both teams worked hard in this very physical game to stay within two throughout the quarter. The Indians would pull ahead only to have the Bulldogs answer and regain the lead. Two late quarter free throws gave the Indians the lead 25-24 at the half.

Harley Weese opened the third with a shot to put the Dogs back in the lead. After another shot from Rush, the Indians went on a 19 point run to a 48-28 lead before Rush hit one more. The Dogs went into the fourth trailing 31-51.

Neither team gave up as both teams battled it out in the fourth. The Bulldogs added 20 more while the Indians posted 19 to hold on for the win 70-51.

Wade Rush led the team with 17 points, 12 rebounds, and 1 assist. Harley Weese added 7 points, 18 rebounds, and 5 assists. Alex Gonzalez scored 9 points, had 4 rebounds, and 1 steal.

Ashton Schiltz added 6 points, 8 rebounds, and 1 steal. Roberto Loya finished with 4 points, Jovanny Infante with 2 points, Austin Patmon with 2 points, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Jaime Infante grabbed 2 rebounds and 1 steal while Toby Korte had 1 rebound. The Bulldogs will return home to host Quinter on Tuesday, January 28.