

Bulldogs Win Seniors Last Home Game

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs finished their regular season with a 40-30 win over the Cheylin Cougars on February 27 for the last home game for the two seniors boys.

The 'Dogs got off to a less than top-performing first quarter with only three points from junior Koi Wessel on their side of the boards. They allowed Cheylin 10 for the lead.

The second quarter didn't hold much improvement for much of the time as the Cougars extended their lead 8-17 before the 'Dogs closed the gap to trail 14-17 by the half.

The boys didn't give up in the second half as the Bulldogs tied the game up at 21 midway through the third. The Cougars hit a couple more shots and the Bulldogs made an additional free throw to still be down by 3 (22-25) at the end of the quarter.

Anyone who left early missed the excitement of the fourth quarter action. Koi Wessel hit a bucket to close the spread. A three point shot from Dawson Spresser gave the 'Dogs the lead. The Cougars tied it up and the battle was on.

Sophomore Brett Gerbitz stepped up and hit two very quick threes to put the 'Dogs up by six and fired up the crowd and the team. Koi Wessel took the cue and rolled in another shot as the clock clicked below the two minute mark.

The Cougars were working hard to regain their earlier control, but a steal from Braden Korte and a block from Jesus Aragon got the crowd on their feet as the gym pumped with energy.

Koi fed off the energy from the team and the fans as he pushed in another layup. A foul on the shot sent him to the line for a free throw and an 11 point Bulldog lead. The game finished with free throws by both teams. Kade Wessel and Korte each added one more point for the 'Dogs to finish the game with a ten point lead and the fifth win of the season for the Bulldogs.

Bulldog points came from Koi Wessel-15, Kade Wessel-7, Braden Korte-6, Dawson Spresser-6, and Brett Gerbitz-6. Other stats include: Korte-4 reb, 2 ast, 4 steals; Spresser-5 reb, 3 ast, 1 steal; Cole Ziegelemeir-2 reb; Aragon-1 reb, 2 steals; Kade Wessel-8 reb, 2 ast, 1 steal; Koi Wessel-5 reb, 2 ast; Domonic Luna-3 steals.

The Bulldogs will play Western Plains on Friday, March 6, in the semi-finals of Sub-State in Ransom. The Bulldogs lost to the Bobcats in the first game of season and look forward to showing them how much they have improved this season.