

## Bulldogs Play in Double Overtime

By Judy Rogers

On Tuesday, January 13, the Bulldogs from Golden Palms played at Logan in a double overtime game against the Trojans. "I am so proud of my high school boys basketball team tonight," said Coach Travis Smith after the game. "We lost in double OT to one of the top teams in our league. We got up by 10, but just couldn't pull it out."

The Bulldogs led 6-4 by the end of the first quarter. They continued their run in the second quarter by adding another 11 holding the Trojans to 6 giving them a half time lead of 17-10.

After the half, the Trojans picked up their pace to add 8 as the Bulldogs maintained their lead with 9. The game was nowhere near over as both teams continued to play with determination throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Both teams went to the free throw line several times during the quarter. The Bulldogs hit six of their 11 attempts and the Trojans hit six of nine attempts. The Trojans sank a couple of three pointers and doubled their first three quarters' score to tie the game up at 36 and send the game into overtime.

Golden Plains shot about fifty percent of free throws in the overtime and scored a basket each by Kade and Koi Wessel. The Trojans sank two threes and made all their free throws to pull ahead by three. Just as the time was running down, senior Braden Korte sank a three pointer to tie the game up once again at 48 sending them into a second overtime.

In the last four minutes, Cole Ziegelmeier and Koi Wessel each made a basket, but the Trojans answered with a basket and put in six from the free throw line to end the game with a 56-52 win over the Bulldogs. "We played as a team tonight," said Braden Korte. "Each person knew their role and what they were supposed to do." "We took three steps forward tonight," added Coach Smith. "We can't go back!"

Koi Wessel finished the game with 16 points. Kade Wessel scored 15, Braden Korte-8, Brett Gerbitz-7, Dawson Spresser-4, and Cole Ziegelmeier-2. In other stats, the Bulldogs rebounded well with 38 total rebounds coming from Kade Wessel-11, Koi Wessel-9, Domonic Luna-5, Spresser-5, Korte-2, Ziegelmeier-2, Jesus Aragon-2, Devin Carter-1, Gerbitz-1. They had assists from Koi Wessel-3, Luna-3, Korte-2, Kade Wessel-2, Gerbitz-1 and Spresser-1. Steals were grabbed by Luna-5, Spresser-2, Korte-1, Aragon-1, and Koi Wessel-1. The Bulldogs will be back on the road in Palco on Friday.