

## Bulldogs Win in Double Overtime

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The Bulldogs played their second double overtime game in a week when they defeated the Palco Roosters 54-52 on January 16 in Palco. They had lost to Logan on Tuesday in another double overtime game earlier in the week.

The 'Dogs started off in the first with a 5-3 lead over the Roosters. Koi was determined under the basket putting in three shots and a free throw while Kade Wessel added a basket and a free throw along with a three from Brett Gerbitz in the second. "We really wanted to win," said junior Koi Wessel of this second OT game. The Bulldog defense held the Roosters to 7 in the second to hold an 18-10 lead at half time.

The Roosters were not ready to give up and came out in the second half with determination. They had two wins so far this season and were looking to add another to their record. They held the 'Dogs to 7 in the third while putting in 13 of their own to close the spread to two 23-25 by the end of the third. Holding a slight lead, the Bulldogs had to dig deep but a few missed free throws and the Roosters tied up the game at 35 to sent the game into overtime.

Brett Gerbitz, a sophomore at Golden Plains High School, hit two three-pointers in the overtime along with two baskets from Koi Wessel. The Roosters answered with two three-pointers and two baskets of their own to send them into a second OT.

The Roosters again hit from behind the arc in the second overtime and added two more baskets. The Bulldogs, having lost the double overtime game to Logan on Tuesday, were not about to let them have this game as Koi Wessel made two baskets and a free throw along with two baskets from his brother Kade to win the game 54-52 for the Bulldogs.

"We didn't play our best, so it felt good to get this win," said junior Cole Ziegelmeier. "We missed some key free throws in our overtime." "Everybody was feeding Koi the ball. He was able to put them in despite Palco packing in the lane and forcing us to shoot more from the outside."

All that feeding the ball to Koi worked out well as he finished the game with 28 points. This was a season and career high points scored for Koi. Kade Wessel finished with 16 along with 9 from Gerbitz (all three-pointers) and a free throw from Braden Korte.

Koi Wessel played an all around great game for the Bulldogs with 10 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 blocks. Contributing to the 39 rebounds in the game along with Koi were Kade Wessel-11, Korte-4, Dawson Spresser-4, Cole Ziegelmeier-4, Devin Carter-3, Domonic Luna-2, and Gerbitz-1. Additional assists came from Korte-2, Ziegelmeier-1, and Gerbitz-1. Steals were captured by Korte-5, Spresser-1, Ziegelmeier-2, Kade Wessel-1, Carter-1, and Luna-3.

The Bulldogs are back on the road on Tuesday when they travel to Cheylin but will host Northern Valley at home on Friday, January 23.