

Lady Bulldogs Win in Overtime

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won their 2015 opener over the Lady Titans from Triplains/Brewster in an exciting overtime game in Rexford on January 9. “We were anxious to be back on the floor after the break,” said junior Kynndra Rush. “Both teams always bring their best game when we play each other, and this game was no exception.”

The Lady Bulldogs opened the game with a 14-7 lead in the first quarter, but the Lady Titans rallied in the second with 13 points, holding the Lady ‘Dogs to 8 to make the score 22-20 at the half, with the home team holding a slight lead.

The Lady ‘Dogs continued to play hard in the third with numerous steals adding another 11 as the Lady Titans fought back with 8 more on their side of the scoreboard. Leading by five to start the fourth, senior Rachael Ritter hit two free throws to extend their lead to 7. The Lady Titans answered with a free throw of their own from Kelly Lamb, then hit two quick threes from Alicia Barrie and Koebe Lorg to tie the game up at 35. Halfway through the quarter, junior Kynndra Rush pulled the Lady Bulldogs back into the lead with two free throws.

The Lady Titans called a time out, and with 3 minutes on the clock, Rush hit the front side of a one and one for the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Titans made a free throw from Lamb and another basket put the Lady Titans ahead by one point. Golden Plains sophomore Amber Erwin got fouled on a layup for an and one, made her free throw, and put the Lady ‘Dogs ahead by two with just over a minute to play. A final basket from the Lady Titans sent the game in to overtime 41-41.

The Lady Bulldogs spent much of the overtime on the free throw line. Sophomore Gabrielle Schiltz was fouled early making two free throws. Kynndra Rush then went to the line making another from the charity stripe to give the Lady ‘Dogs a three point lead. The Lady ‘Dogs were then on the receiving end of a jump ball call, but missed two shot opportunities. The next jump ball went to the Lady Titans who capitalized with a basket closing the game to one.

A traveling call gave the ball to the Titans, but they knocked the ball out of bounds giving it back to the Lady ‘Dogs. Shayna Rogge stole the ball to run down the floor and pass it off to Alicia Barrie to score for the Lady Titans and put them up by one 45-44 with just under two minutes to play.

The Titans once again stole the ball from the Lady Bulldogs but traveled to give it back. The girls handed it off to Schiltz who hit a three gaining a two point advantage for the home team. Rush then went to the free throw line for another point but with 20 seconds to play, the Titans closed the spread to 48-47. Coach Parker Christensen called a time out for the Lady ‘Dogs as the band played “Hanging Tough” to encourage the girls on the floor.

Back in the game, Kami Miller made a layup on the inbounds play to give the Lady Bulldogs a 50-47 lead. The Titans called a final timeout with 8.8 seconds to play and had the ball back on the floor. A double dribble call gave the ball back to Golden Plains who held on for the win.

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Kynndra Rush with 16 and Gabrielle Schiltz with 11. Additional points came from Amber Erwin-7, Kami Miller-6, Maddy Walz-6, and Rachael Ritter-4. Scoring for the Lady Titans were Dara Roulier-14, Kelly Lamb-11, Shayna Rogge-10, Alicia Barrie-9, and Koebe Lorg-3.

The Lady Bulldogs outrebounded the Titans 38-21 and had a total of 13 assists with 5 each from Schiltz and Rush, 2 from Miller and 1 from Ritter. The girls played aggressively out front with 7 steals by Miller and 6 by Schiltz. Rush had 3 steals along with 2 by Walz and 1 by Ritter. The Lady Bulldogs held their turnovers to 18 with the Titans turning the ball over 41 times. This win gives the girls a 5-1 record for the season. They turned around on Saturday to play again at home against St. Francis.