

Bulldogs Finish Season at Sub-State By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs finished their basketball season at Sub-State in Logan on February 26. The boys played a good game but fell to the Trojans 35-58.

"We could have played better," said senior Kole Butts. "We've had trouble all season finishing a game."

GP Senior Wade Rush put in the first six points for the Bulldogs as the Dogs kept pace with the Trojans for much of the first quarter. Juniors Jovanny Infante and Alex Gonzalez added to the Bulldogs 9 as the Trojans took the lead 17-9.

The Dogs played with determination as they continued to work together in the second. Juniors Fabian Cepeda and Roberto Loya got on the boards along with additional buckets from Rush and Gonzalez as the Bulldogs narrowed the gap to 23-28 by the half.

The Dogs continued to add points in the third with four from junior Ashton Schiltz and four more from Rush. Trailing 31-49, the Dogs entered their final quarter of the season. Loya added the only 4 Bulldog points in the fourth as the Trojans claimed the win 58-35.

Wade Rush finished the game with 14 points for the Bulldogs. Roberto Loya added 7, Alex Gonzalez 6—all from free throws, Ashton Schiltz 4, Jovanny Infante 2, and Fabian Cepeda 2.

Schiltz captured 7 rebounds for the Bulldogs with Rush claiming 6. Gonzalez, Infante, and Kole Butts each had 3, Ethan Weiner 2, and Loya 1. Rush and Cepeda each had an assist, and steals were captured by Rush 2, Loya 2, Gonzalez 1, and Schiltz 1.

The Bulldogs ended their season with a 1-20 record. "We couldn't seem to get it together," said Roberto Loya. "Other teams seemed to have a height advantage and we couldn't get our shots to fall." "We had some challenges in winning a game this season," said senior Wade Rush. "We played some really good teams. I've enjoyed playing the game with everyone. I'm going to miss playing for GP."

The Bulldogs will return up to 9 seniors for next year. "I'm looking forward to having a large senior squad next year," added Roberto Loya. "We will try and get more in sync early on and try to work the ball inside more." "We need to work together more as a team," continued Alex Gonzalez, "and communicate better with each other. We should see more success next year."

"We need to keep our momentum going throughout the entire game," added Ashton Schiltz. "If we work together as a team, we should do better," continued Jovanny Infante. "We will also need to work to establish a positive court rotation and work together for more wins," said Fabian Cepeda. "I'm looking forward to next season," concluded Ethan Weiner. "It will be fun playing with such a large group of seniors."