

Lady Bulldogs Win Fifth Straight Sagebrush Championship

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won their fifth straight Sagebrush Tournament Championship on Saturday, December 12, in Brewster. They have won the tournament each year since 2016.

The girls came out on fire in the first game of the tournament against Triplains/Brewster on Tuesday, December 8. They put up 16 points in the first quarter while their strong defense held the Lady Titans to 4. They continued to work hard in the second adding 26 points while the Titans added 2. Their defense held the Titans scoreless in the second half while offensively the Bulldogs posted up 20 in the third and 5 in the fourth for a 67-6 win.

“It was a good way to start the tournament,” said Sidney Taylor, sophomore. “Everyone on the team was able to play and contribute to the win.” Points in the game were earned by Brooke Stoll 17, Kassie Miller 16, Ashley Stoll 10, Breanna Rath 6, Emma Weiner 5, Rayna Taylor 3, and 2 apiece from Sidney Taylor, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Lauren Patmon, Amie Cheney, and Morgan Wark.

The semi-final game of the tournament on Friday was against the Wallace County Lady Wildcats. The Bulldogs again got off to a strong start putting in 17 points in the first quarter. They added another 16 in the second as the Wildcats got on the boards with 8 for a 33-8 half time lead.

The Bulldogs stayed strong in the second half adding 15 in the third finishing with 4 in the fourth for a 52-15 win over the Wildcats. “We played well,” said Rayna Taylor. “We did a good job putting in what we went over in practice.” Bulldog scoring included B. Stoll 13, A. Stoll 11, R. Taylor 8, Miller 7, S. Taylor 5, Wark 3, Rath 3, and Fleckenstein 2.

The Bulldogs were ready for the championship game against Wichita County on Saturday evening. The girls again stayed strong on defense as they jumped to a 9-0 lead in the first. They added 7 in the second—all from free throws, holding the Lady Indians to 2 for a 16-2 half time lead.

The Indians found the bucket in the second half as they added 8 in the third and 10 in the fourth. However, the Bulldogs stayed strong with 14 additional third quarter points and finished the game with 11 in the fourth for the 41-20 Championship Win.

Kassie Miller led the team with 16 points along with B. Stoll 7, A. Stoll 6, Rath 5, Wark 3, Fleckenstein 2, and Weiner 2.

“The tournament was a good experience for everyone,” said Morgan Wark. “The team played well together and we played well on defense. I’m excited to see what the rest of the season will bring.” “This was a good way to begin the season undefeated,” added Breanna Rath. The Lady Bulldogs return to regular season play with a 4-0 record. They will host Western Plains/Healy on December 18 as their final game going into the Winter Moratorium.