

Bulldogs Host Buffaloes

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The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team hosted the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Rexford on February 15. The Dogs continue looking for a fourth win this season as the Buffaloes defeated the Dogs 68-27 in this non-league game.

The Bulldogs played a strong first quarter as they posted 10 points in the first 8 minutes with baskets by seniors Fabian Cepeda and Roberto Loya and freshman Josh Rath. The Buffaloes hit three 3-pointers along with their other shots to lead 18-10 by the end of the quarter.

The Buffaloes continued to hit their shots in the second as they pumped in 27 points. The Dogs played their game and worked their offense managing another 9 but trailed 19-45 at the half.

The Buffaloes continued to play strong in the third as they added another 16, but the Dogs fell further behind as their only points came from Rath. Trailing 21-61, the Dogs regrouped and finished the game with 6 more while the Buffaloes added 7 for the 68-27 win.

“We are working more as a team,” said senior Roberto Loya. “We are improving more as a team than we are on the scoreboard. Our goal is to work on our confidence in shooting the ball down low and getting people open so we can close the gap.” Bulldog points came from Cepeda 9, Loya 7, Rath 4, Ethan Shea 3, Owen Patmon 2, and Will Bruggeman 2.

Cepeda also had 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 assist. Loya had 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, and 1 deflection. Ashton Schiltz pulled down 5 rebounds and had 1 deflection. Garrett Carter had 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Additional rebounds were captured by Abe Taylor 3, Josh Rath 1, and Will Bruggeman 1. Ethan Shea had a steal and Dominic Stout a block.

The Bulldogs played again at home on February 17 with a makeup game against Quinter.