

Bulldogs Claim First Win of Season By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team gained their first win of the season 61-51 over the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats in Ransom on December 17.

GP Senior Fabian Cepeda opened the game with a three. Senior Ethan Shea added another before senior Alex Gonzalez started hitting the goal adding 9 straight points. Another 3 from Cepeda gave the Bulldogs an 18-11 lead at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs continued to hit their shots throughout the second quarter. Seniors Roberto Loya and Ashton Schiltz joined their teammates in making shots as the Dogs worked their way up to a 39-27 half time lead.

Gonzalez was all over the court again in the third as he led the Dogs to a ten point lead. An end of quarter basket by Schiltz sent the Dogs into the fourth with a 47-35 lead. The Bobcats fought their way to narrow the spread to five early in the fourth but the Dogs stayed strong and worked their way back to the win 61-51.

"It was an easy start," said Alex Gonzalez who led the team with a career-high 26 points. "We were inspired by not having had a win yet this season so it made me push harder. Everyone was playing with good chemistry and making their shots." Along with Gonzalez, Fabian Cepeda added 13 to the win. Ashton Schiltz and Ethan Shea contributed 8 each, while Roberto made 6.

Gonzalez also led the team with 10 rebounds and 7 steals. Loya had 6 rebounds, Schiltz 5, and Cepeda 4. Cepeda also had 5 steals, whiel Loya, Schiltz, and Shea each had 2. Gonzalez, Cepeda, and Loya each contributed 3 assists while Shea had 2 and Schiltz 1.

The Bulldogs will continue their season on January 4 as they host the Wichita County Indians in Rexford.