

Golden Plains boys too much for Herndon

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team was just too much for the Herndon Beavers in varsity action Tuesday night in Rexford.

The Bulldogs overcame a 61-32 Herndon lead in a game that included a nearly nine minute scoreless stretch by the Beavers.

Golden Plains jumped out to 8-4 early and, though Herndon challenged a couple of times in the first period, never looked back. The first period ended 14-9.

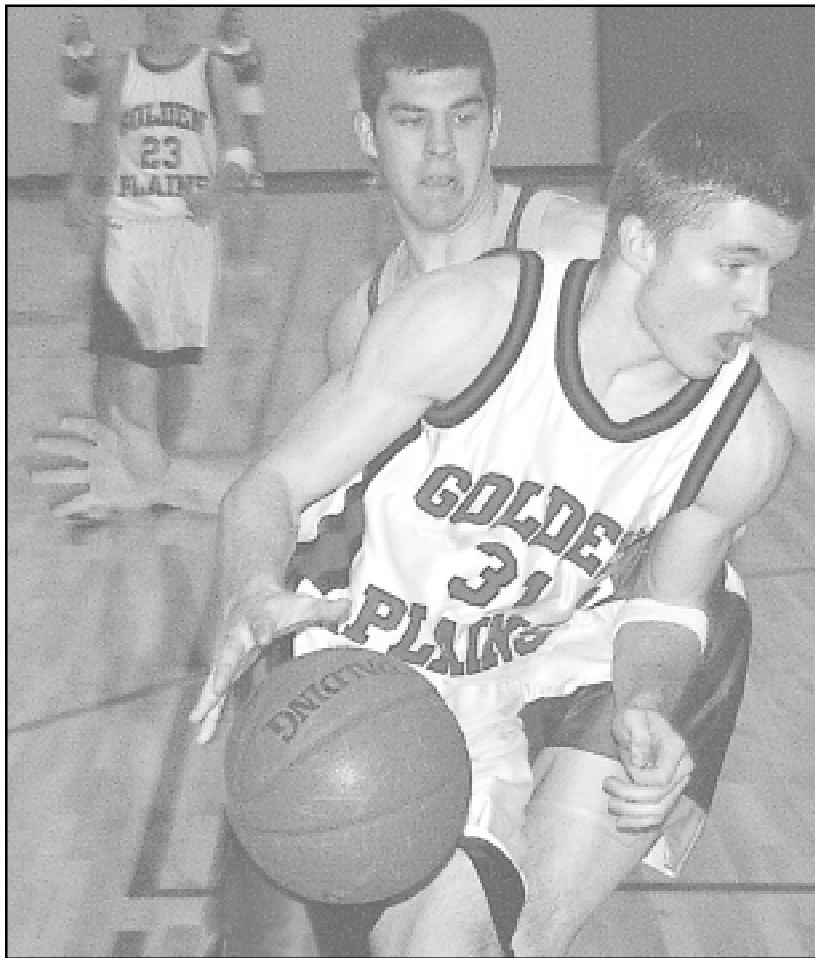
The Bulldogs jumped out to 17-9 as the second period began, with the Beavers answering with a short run of their own. With the score at 19-16 at the 5:00 mark, Golden Plains went on an 11-0 tear, ending with a Herndon bucket

with 25 seconds left in the half. The Bulldogs sealed Herndon's fate in the third period, scoring 15 points while holding their opponent scoreless throughout the period. Herndon's first points in the second half came at the 7:40 mark in the fourth period.

The entire Bulldog bench saw action in the fourth period. As a team, Golden Plains shot 50 percent while holding Herndon to 33.3. They also shot 58 percent of their free throws against 14 percent and outrebounded the Beavers 37-14.

The rebounds were especially telling on defense, where a 25-8 margin in the Bulldogs favor ensured that Herndon got few second chances at a basket.

Three Bulldogs were in double figures. Josh Miller led with 20 points, followed by Brady Dible with 14 and Matt Gould with 10. Miller also had five rebounds and six assists. Gould led



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Golden Plains High School's Josh Miller drove for the goal early in a 61-32 dismantling of the Herndon Beavers on Tuesday night in Rexford.

Wrestlers gearing up; big weekend planned

Colby High School wrestling is coming back from the holidays with a dual against their old foes, the fifth-ranked Goodland Cowboys followed by a trip to Liberal for the Southwest Classic on Friday and Saturday.

The Eagles are now ranked no. 2 in the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association poll. Scott City moved into the no. 1 spot based in part on their strong showing against 3A powerhouse Hoxie in the Colby tournament.

The dual Thursday will include junior varsity matches starting at 6:30 p.m., followed immediately by the varsity dual.

Teams competing in Liberal will include Goodland, Liberal, Ulysses, Hays, Cimarron, Shawnee Heights, Elhart, Kapaun-Mt. Carmel (Wichita), Garden City and Hugoton from Kansas. Other teams will be Amarillo, River Road and Tascosa from Amarillo, Tex., Ponderosa and Borger, also Texas teams, West Las Vegas and

Moriarity, N.M. and Norman, Okla. Tournament matches will begin at 2 p.m. Friday and continue until Saturday.

Here is the line-up for the Eagles on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with their records.



- 103 - Doug Hurtt, 5-2.
- 112 - Eric Luedke, 8-1.
- 119 - Danny Mainus, 0-0.
- 125 - Drue Herl, 2-1.
- 130 - Schuyler Sharpe, 7-3.
- 135 - Matt Murray, 9-0.
- 140 - Brooks Wederski, 5-5.
- 145 - Tyler Hellmuth, 2-5.
- 152 - Zach Luedke, 10-0.
- 160 - Chris Erickson, 0-2.
- 171 - Damien Stephens, 10-0.
- 189 - Bo Kleinsorge, 1-0.
- 215 - Justin Finley, 7-1.
- 275 - Eric Seemann, 0-0.

Conference play means a whole new season



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New Year's brings a fresh start for everyone. We all have our New Year's Resolutions in place (for how long??) Our basketball team starts fresh also.

We are now officially 0-0 as conference play begins Sunday! Our first semester records (women 10-4, men 9-5) are no longer relevant.

The only games that count towards making the post-season playoffs are the Jayhawk West Conference games. We have 16 of them. Sixteen all out wars! Our first 14 ball games should have prepared us for the league race.

The toughest thing about our conference is that there are no breaks. Sixteen tough ball games! All eight conference opponents are talented and tough! Every night will be a battle. If one team is not ready to play they will likely be on the short end of the stick!

Heading into the league I feel positive about our talent level. We can play with anyone in the league. My chief concern is our ability to play consistently hard and tough for a full game. We did not do this very often first semester. If we want to win in the

Jayhawk we must be consistent.

Our first conference game will be at the community building this Sunday Jan. 7. The women play at 6 p.m. with the men to follow. It's also \$1 Night so make plans to attend. The Oakley Drill team will perform at half-time. A special thank you to Colby Implement our game sponsor!

Jottings

•Three Jayhawk West teams are ranked in the National Junior College Athletic Association Top 25. Barton #21, Seward #6, and Garden City #13. Wow what a league!

•Congrats to Tom Stephens and the Lady Trojans on a great 10-4 start! The Ladies will be a factor in this year's conference race!

•Taco John's and Gambino's sponsored our last two home games. Thank you for your support!

•Our top non-conference opponents records: Highland 10-2 (loss), Neosho 9-2 (win), Casper 8-5 (win), Mid-Plains 8-5 (split).

Fast forward

•Jayhawk play opens Sunday, Jan. 7 against Cloud County at the Community Building. Women play at 6 p.m. and men at 8. All Tickets \$1.

•Don't miss the Jayhawk Conference opener! We have a string of eight straight Jayhawk conference home games with over 1,000 attendance. Let's keep the streak alive.

- Next home game will be Monday, Jan. 15 vs sixth-ranked Seward County!



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