

Bulldogs team stays ahead for 6-point win

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs defeated the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks 50-44 in their final game before Christmas break Friday at Rexford.

Tate Preston started the game off with a quick two points on his way to leading the Bulldogs' offense to a win. The 'Hawks quickly answered with a three.

A basket by Rilee Spresser put the 'Dogs back on top as they continued to add buckets. The boys built a 6-point lead before a 'Hawks shot left them behind 13-11 at the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs weren't going to let Wheatland/Grinnell keep that slight lead for long, putting in 13 in the second quarter. They held the Thunderhawks to 8 in the quarter and carried a 24-21 lead into the half.

The Bulldogs continued to extend their lead throughout

the third by scoring 13 while holding the 'Hawks to 7. They entered the fourth with a 37-28 lead.

The fourth period became a free-throw contest as the Bulldogs put in six of nine points from the line. The Thunderhawks shot eight of 10 from the line as they closed in on the boys' lead.

However, Golden Plains won the game 50-44. Preston led the Bulldogs in scoring with 17. Spresser added another 13. Other Bulldogs scorers included Cole Christensen 7, Casey Gould 5 and Kalyn Weber and Devinn Ritter 4 each.

The Bulldogs are now 2-4 as they enter the winter break. They will start off the new year with home games against St. Francis on Tuesday, Jan. 4, and Logan on Friday, Jan. 7, before starting the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on Monday, Jan. 10, at Sharon Springs.

B-team loses 38-48 at home

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The Golden Plains High School junior varsity girls lost to the Wheatland / Grinnell Thunderhawks on Friday on their home floor in Rexford.

By the end of the first quarter, they were down by 2. As their shots refused to fall in the second, the Lady Thunderhawks extended their lead to 24-17 by halftime.

The Bulldogs only posted 6 more points in the third quarter while the Lady Thunderhawks put

up another 9. The girls were down 33-23 going in to the fourth quarter. They continued to put on a good show in an action-packed final eight minutes of play, adding 15 points to their total. Despite their efforts, the still lost 38-48.

"The JV girls shot the ball fairly decent and worked hard on defense," said Coach Steve Shaw.

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Paulita Ramirez, 12; McKayla Lobato, 8; Avery Spresser, 6; Kylie Jones, 5; Angela Ritter, 3; Leea Juenemann, 2; and Jordan Christensen, 2.



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Golden Plains High School junior varsity player Paulita Ramirez drove the ball around a Lady Thunderhawk player during Friday's game against Wheatland/Grinnell.

Seventh graders finish with one loss

The Colby Middle School seventh grade girls' basketball team fell to Hugoton 27-17 in the finals of the Great West Activities Conference tournament Saturday at Holcomb.

The loss ended the girls' undefeated season, but the team still had a solid year, finishing with 6 wins and 1 loss.

The Lady Eagles beat Holcomb 32-29 in the semifinals on Saturday before facing Hugoton later that day.

"It was a very well-played game by both sides," coach Norm Behring said. "Holcomb was a very improved team."

Brenley Terrell had a team-high

14 against the Lady Longhorns, including 3 three-pointers. Gabbie Willams was the team's top rebounder, finishing with 8 boards. Brielle McKee had 4 steals.

Behring said the his team just couldn't get anything to fall.

"We shot poorly from the field," he said.

The team trailed 14-8 at the half. Terrell was the team's high scorer with 7 and Desi Schippers led the team in rebounds with 7. McKee had 5 steals.

Behring said Hugoton was a solid team from top to bottom.

Brielle McKee had four steals in the first game and five steals in the second game.

Golden Plains boys lose blowout on road

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The Sharon Springs Wildcats overpowered the Golden Plains Middle School Boys 56-6 in their final game before the holiday break in Rexford last Thursday.

The Wildcats poured on the pressure and set the pace in the first quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 19-2. Feliciano Bermudez scored Golden Plains' only basket

in the quarter. The Bulldogs got one more bucket in the second quarter from Koi Wessel and Sharon Springs led 37-4 at the half.

The 'Dogs just couldn't get anything to fall in second half. Golden Plains' only points were two free throws by Kade Wessel. Sharon Springs went on to win 56-6.

The next game for the middle school will be Thursday, Jan. 6, at Brewster.

Jayhawks now 11-0 after 'physical' game

By Josh Dubow
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BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Kansas coach Bill Self was happy with how his team responded after leading scorer Marcus Morris was ejected for a flagrant elbow to an opponent's head.

What led to the ejection is what had Self so bothered after another win.

Markieff Morris had 21 points and 10 rebounds and No. 3 Kansas overcame the ejection of his twin brother to beat California 78-63 in a testy game Wednesday night.

"It was ridiculous," Self said. "We obviously contributed a great amount to it. I think Cal was chippy also, but we didn't handle it very well. We let it bother us too much and had to get the last word in. I was disappointed in how our guys reacted, really disappointed in Marcus. He got exactly what he deserved."

Freshman Josh Selby scored 18 points in his second game since an NCAA suspension. The Jayhawks (11-0) remained unbeaten and handed the Golden Bears (6-5) their third loss in four games.

This marked Kansas' 10th


straight win over Cal. But instead of being remembered for Selby's sweet outside shooting or Morris' strong play inside, this one will be remembered for an edgy second half that featured one flagrant foul, Marcus Morris' ejection and three technical fouls.

"If they want to initiate a physical game, I feel very strongly we'll end up on the winning side," Kansas forward Thomas Robinson said.

Jorge Gutierrez scored 15 points, Allen Crabbe had 11 and Markhuri Sanders-Frison added 10 points and 12 rebounds for Cal. Coach Mike Montgomery fell short in his first try to win his 600th career game.


Tyrel Reed scored 18 points and Thomas Robinson added seven points and 10 rebounds for the Jayhawks, who improved to 4-0 against Pac-10 teams this season.

Kansas was the highest-ranked nonconference opponent to visit Berkeley since No. 3 Kansas State came here in 1958. The Jayhawks' only other trip here came two years earlier when Wilt Chamberlain led them to a 66-56 victory over coach Pete Newell's squad.


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