

Using the offensive glass



Colby College sophomore Crystal Kinderknecht went up for a layup during the Lady Trojans' practice Saturday at the Community Building.

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Golden Plains boys lose on road

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The Golden Plains boys dropped to 8-5 on the season with a 77-54 loss at Quinter on Tuesday.

Quinter pressed the 'Dogs hard in the first quarter, and jumped out to a 17-0 lead before the Bulldogs scored. Golden Plains trailed 31-10 at the end of the first. In the second quarter, Quinter continued to press and led 46-19 at the half.

Quinter backed off in the third and the Bulldogs managed to put up 21 points in the quarter with a series of shots including field goals, threes, and free throws.

Quinter put in another 12 points in the third and led 58-40 at the end of the quarter. Golden Plains tacked on another 14 points in the fourth, while Quinter added 19 to their total and won the game 77-54.

Golden Plains had two boys with double figures including Rilee Spresser with 17 and Tate Preston with 13. Cole Christensen and Devinn Ritter each posted 8 while Ethan Walter scored 4, and Tyler Stevenson and Casey Gould each had 2.

In other stats, Preston had 8 assists, and 2 steals; Stevenson had 1 assist, 2 rebounds, and 1 steal; Christensen had 5 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 block; Spresser had 6 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 block; Ritter had 1 assist, 5 rebounds and a couple of steals; Gould and Andrew Luna had 1 each.

Two college wrestlers place at tourney

The Trojans' wrestling team had two wrestlers place at the Kansas Cup at Fort Hays State University this weekend and the squad finished seventh out of eight teams at the tournament.

Freshman Marco Tamayo took third in the 125-pound weight class and freshman Jace Campbell took fourth at 141. The college

finished with 14.5 points. Labette Community College from Parsons took first with 104.5 points and Baker University from Baldwin City finished second with 82.5. Fort Hays State came in third with 77.5.

The other schools who competed in the tourney were Neosho County Community College from

Chanute, Newman College, a religious school based in Wichita; Pratt Community College, and Northwest Technical College from Goodland.

A more detailed article about the Cup will be featured in a future article.

Lady Bulldogs squad slips by Titans 45-42

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The Lady Bulldogs narrowly defeated Brewster/Triplains 45-42 last Friday at Winona.

The Lady 'Dogs had defeated the Lady Titans 52-18 during the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament the week before and were anticipating a similar outcome during the regular season. The Lady Titans, however, were not about to let them have it so easy this time.

The Lady 'Dogs started out with a solid 12-5 lead in the first quarter. The second quarter found the Lady Titans stepping up their offense. They scored 10 points in the quarter, but Golden Plains scored 10 of their own and led 22-15 at the half.

The Brewster/Triplains' girls continued to give the Lady Bulldogs a challenge in the third, narrowing their lead to 34-30 by the end of the quarter.

Neither team was prepared to give up as they con-

tinued to battle in the final quarter. Brewster/Triplains outscored Golden Plains 12-11 in the fourth, but the Lady Bulldogs took home a 45-42 victory.

Angela Ritter had a team-high 14 points and Jordan Christensen added 11. Jacy Moss finished with 7; Kylie Jones, 6; Hailee Spresser, 4; and Melissa Ritter, 3.

Jones pulled down 18 rebounds and Christensen grabbed 11 boards. Other stats include Spresser with five rebounds, two assists; Melissa Ritter, five rebounds; Angela Ritter, two rebounds, one steal, one assist; Moss, two rebounds, two assists; and Lea Juenemann, one rebound, one assist.

Kasey Hoyt led Brewster/Triplains with 20 points, Brittany Plummer, 15; Maddie Mayer, 3, Sheena Rall and Amber Barrie, 2.

Earlier in the evening, the junior varsity girls played one quarter and the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Titans 10-4, improving their record to 4-2.

Young teams lose home games

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The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball teams dropped two more games on their home floor to the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks on Thursday.

The B team lost 27-8 in a game led by the Thunderhawks from start to finish.

Cole Ziegelmeier scored the only two points for the Bulldogs in the first quarter, while Grinnell/Wheatland put in 4. Golden Plains was unable to get any points to fall in the second quarter and Grinnell/Wheatland led 13-2 at the half.

The boys worked hard and showed lots of hustle in the second half but they just couldn't get much to fall. Koi Wessel and Kade Wessel each made a bucket in the

third quarter and Dawson Spresser made a bucket in the fourth for the Bulldogs.

The A-team fell to the Thunderhawks 39-23.

Joseph Koerperich scored all 6 of the Bulldogs' first quarter points. In the second, he made another bucket while teammate Benny Martinez posted 7 points and Braden Korte chipped in 2.

Despite being tied up 17-17 near the end of the second, Grinnell/Wheatland got 4 more points before the end of the half. They continued to play strong in the third with some good looks and nice passes. The Bulldogs worked the ball inside to Koerperich for the only 2 points of the quarter. The Thunderhawks scored 6 in the third and led 27-19 by the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs continued to push

hard throughout the fourth and finally caught a break near the end of the game as Martinez ran the floor for a layup and got fouled on the shot. After both free throw attempts failed to fall, Koerperich grabbed a rebound and put it back in for two. One more bucket fell for Korte before the game ended with the Bulldogs losing 39-23.

Koerperich put in 12 of the Bulldogs' 23 points with Martinez finishing the game with 7 and Korte with 4.

"We pushed the ball well at the end of the first half," Martinez said. "We did a good job handling the ball and passing, but we need to work more on making our shots."

The boys will go on the road to face the Cheylin Cougars at 4 p.m. Thursday in McDonald.

Golden Plains falls to Quinter

By Jordan Christensen

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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs fell to Quinter 43-31 in a road game Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs only scored 6 points, while Quinter put up 15 to take the lead in the first quarter.

In the second, the Quinter girls came out strong, scoring 11 more points while holding the Lady Bulldogs to 7. Quinter led 26-13

at the half.

The Golden Plains Lady 'Dogs weren't about to give up, scoring 3 consecutive points to start the third. Both teams continued to work hard and Quinter led 38-25 at the end of the quarter. The Lady Bulldogs girls managed to score 6 more points to Quinter's 5 in the fourth. Quinter won 43-21.

"We need to score more points and play tougher defense if we want to win our games," Jacy Moss said.

Jordan Christensen led Golden Plains with 12 points. Christensen also had one assist and seven rebounds. Senior Melissa Ritter contributed 8 points, one assist, and nine rebounds to the and Kylie Jones added 4 points and nine rebounds. Other stats include, Moss, 4 points and one assist; Hailee Spresser, 2 points, one assist and two rebounds; and Angela Ritter, 1 point, three assists, and three rebounds.

Bulldogs' junior varsity team loses road game

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The Golden Plains junior varsity boys fell to Brewster/Triplains 30-7 in a two-quarter game in Winona.

Sophomore Camron Spresser and freshman Grant

Spresser were the only two players who scored in the loss on Jan. 21.

"We didn't play together or box out very well. But we did run our offense and played pretty good defense," Camron Spresser said.

Scoring for Brewster were Michael Schmidt with 14, Seth Smith, 8; Gus Lamb and Dan Brown, 3 each; and Nathan Jorgensen and Ben Baird, 2 each.

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