Lady Titans pound Healy

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The Triplains-Brewster girls varsity basketball team dominated Healy on its home court last Friday, winning the game with a final score of 73-21.

The Lady Titans started strong and outscored Healy 26-5 in the first quarter and 26-7 in the second. Their scoring slowed down as the game went on, but their large lead in the first half kept them in front the whole time.

Shayna Rogge led the team with 22 points, followed by Brittany Plummer with 15 game with 8 points, Kasey Hoyt scored 7, Alicia Ortean had 4

points, Ashley Barrie scored a basket and April Mays had 1 point.

The boys varsity basketball team also played Healy at home last Friday, but the Titans fell short and lost 35-53.

Triplains-Brewster was able to put in 10 points in both the first and second quarters and were only down 20-26 by halftime. However, the boys scored just 4 points in the third to Healy's 13 followed by 11 points in the fourth while Healy scored 14.

Michael Schmidt led the scoring efforts with a team-high 21 points. Seth Smith also contributed with 7 points, Aaron Luckpoints and Dara Roulier with ert scored 3 points and Nathan 14. Alicia Barrie finished the Jorgensen and Gus Lamb had 2 points each.

Junior varsity loses on the road

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School junior varsity girls basketball team dropped a game to the Wheatland-Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks on Saturday. The girls lost 23-41 and the varsity girls lost 21-49 on this Saturday afternoon.

The junior varsity girls played a pretty tight first quarter, but a Wheatland-Grinnell shot at the buzzer ended the quarter 5-8. The Lady Bulldogs could not get any baskets to fall in the second quarter as the Lady 'Hawks extended 23-41. their lead to 5-16 by the half.

freshman Rachael Ritter on the with 4 and Taylor Todd with 2.

free-throw line before freshman Brooke Wark made a basket and then Ritter drove to the hole as the quarter ended. This gave the Lady 'Dogs a 10-28 spread going into the fourth.

Wark started off the fourth with yet another 2 points. Sophomore MiKayla Lobato stepped on the floor and inspired the team to play more aggressively. Their teamwork helped the girls to score 13 points in the fourth with 8 of those points coming from Lobato. The Lady Thunderhawks also scored 13 in the fourth to finish the game

Scoring for Golden Plains were The third quarter was also pret- Lobato with 8 points, Wark with ty dry. The only points came from 5, Macayla Easton with 4, Ritter

Rexford middle schoolers suffer loss to Sharon Springs

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball team battled it out with Sharon Springs on Dec. 15 in Rexford. This was the second time they faced the Wallace County Wildcats this season, having lost to them in the first games of the preseason tournament in November.

The B-team boys started off slow and were unable to gain any momentum throughout the game. Seventh grader Joey Griffith, who finished the game with 4 points, had the only bucket in the first quarter. He added 2 free throws in the second quarter along with a basket and a free shot from Austin

Trailing 7-30 at the half, the Bulldogs only managed 2 points from Jeron Schutte in the third and 2 from Jesus Aragon in the fourth while Sharon Springs continued to add points to their side of the scoreboard to finish the game 11-47. The B-team has a 1-4 record going into the holiday break.

The A-team boys took the floor for the final game of the night. They, too, had faced Sharon Springs in the preseason tournament where they lost by 50. Once again, they lost by 50 with a final score of 10-60, with all 10 points coming from the Wessel twins -Kade and Koi.

Kade made the first 2 points in the first quarter and Koi scored all the rest with 4 in the second and 4 in the fourth quarter. Sharon Springs, who grabbed the lead early in the game, kept control until the end. The A-team boys have three wins under their belt as they enter the break with a 3-4 record, having already won more games this season than they did all last

The boys will return to the floor in Brewster on Thursday, Jan. 5.



Nick Brown played tough defense against Sharon Springs during the B-team boys game on Dec. 15 in Rexford. The Golden Plains Middle School basketball team will next play in Brewster on Thursday, Jan. 5.

K-State runs past Southern Illinois

AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU - Angel Rodri- wide-open looks. Tropics and finding himself get- 13-point performance against the break. ting more comfortable with his Alabama, was sharp. He was 5

came off the bench and scored a career-high 17 points, including five 3-pointers, as Kansas State cruised to an 83-58 victory over Southern Illinois in the opening round of the Diamond Head Classic on Thursday.

"At the beginning of the season, my shooting wasn't going well, but I stayed positive," he said. "I know I'm capable of making shots. I stayed in the gym shooting, taking extra shots, and I knew finally they were going to go in. Thank God today was the day."

Jamar Samuels added 14 points and five rebounds while Rodney McGruder had 13 points and six boards for the Wildcats (8-1), who won their third straight and overcame 19 turnovers by dominating the paint while playing an effective inside-out game.

Kansas State moves on to face UTEP in Friday's semifinal round. The Miners (5-5) defeated Clemson 61-48 behind Michael Perez's career-high 25 points.

Behind Samuels and the 6-foot-11 Jordan Henriquez, the Wildcats controlled the inside with a 44-31 rebounding edge and a 30-14 advantage on points in the paint. Henriquez had 10 points, eight rebounds and two blocks.

Rodriguez was able to find some Wildcats have scored in the first

of 6 from 3-point range and hit The freshman from Puerto Rico a 3-pointer to put the Wildcats up 40-25, capping a 9-2 run that dish by Rodriguez.

He had a total of four 3-pointers in the first eight games.

"We've got guys that can shoot the ball," Kansas State coach kept pulling away, shooting 54.3 Frank Martin said. "I've never percent from the field and 9 of 14 been concerned about some of the from the beyond the arc. guys missing shots.'

Kansas State built a 48-29 lead With all the attention in the key, at halftime, the most points the half all season. Rodriguez and guez is feeling at home in the Rodriguez, coming off a McGruder each had 11 points at

> Coming into the game, the Salukis had held opponents to an average of 58.5.

The Wildcats were a little slopbegan with an alley-oop dunk by py with the ball, however, com-Henriquez off a baseline drive and mitting 19 turnovers, including 12 in the first half.

> With a size advantage and an aggressive, pressing defense, the Wildcats took the early lead and



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