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MiKayla Lobato and Hailee Spresser played close defense against the Healy Eagles on Jan. 9 in the first round of the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament in Brewster. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Healy to advance in the tournament.

# Eighteen teams play in Brewster, Colby

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The Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament ended Saturday with the Weskan girls and the Greeley County boys from Tribune as the champions.

Over four days, 18 teams competed in Brewster and Colby, including teams from Golden Plains and Triplains-Brewster.

On Jan. 9, both the boys and girls from Golden Plains High School, seeded No. 8, played.

The Lady Bulldogs dominated Healy 67-19. Hailee Spresser and Kylie Jones led the team in scoring with 11 points each. Angela Ritter scored 10 points, Macayla Easton 9, Leea Juenemann 8, Paulita Ramirez 6, MiKayla Lobato 4 and Jordan Christensen, Brooke Wark and Taylor Todd 2 each.

The boys beat Triplains-Brewster 41-35. Cole Christensen had a team-high 16 points, followed by Ethan Walter with 8, Grant Spresser 6, Kalyn Weber and Joseph Koerperich 4 apiece and Chance Hoeting 3.

Will Allen was the high scorer for Triplains-Brewster with 10 points. Nathan Jorgensen had 7, Michael Schmidt and Seth Smith 6 points each and Dan Brown, Aaron Luckert and Gus Lamb 2 each.

The Golden Plains girls went on to play Greeley County on Jan. 10, losing 51-47. Jordan Christensen

scored a team-high 18 points. Hailee Spresser finished with 10, Ritter had 7, Jones 6 and Ramirez and Lobato 3 apiece.

The other girls games played Jan. 10 were Weskan and Wheatland-Grinnell, with the former claiming the win 45-26; Dighton and Wallace County, with Wallace County coming out on top 45-32; and Triplains-Brewster against Cheylin, with the Lady Titans getting the win 41-31.

The Lady Titans were led by Kasey Hoyt with 17 points. Brittany Plummer scored 12, Shayna Rogge 10 and Alicia Barrie 2.

The Golden Plains girls' loss on Jan. 10 put them in the consolation bracket to play Wheatland-Grinnell on Friday, where they lost again, this time 41-36. That ended their tournament play.

Kylie Jones led the scoring with 16 points with additional scoring coming from Hailee Spresser with 8, Jordan Christensen 7, Ritter 3 and Juenemann 2. The team's 23 rebounds were grabbed by Jones 8, Christensen 6, Spresser 5, and 1 each from Juenemann, Ramirez, Wark and Lobato. The team had 8 steals and 12 assists in this final tournament game.

The Triplains-Brewster girls played Wallace County on Friday in the winner's bracket and they lost as well, 55-32. This loss sent the Lady Titans to play Greeley County on Saturday for third place. The girls lost 40-36 to put them in fourth.

The Bulldogs boys played Cheylin on Jan. 10, losing 43-27. The high scorer for the game was Cole Christensen with 13 points. Tristan Schwarz finished with 4, Walter and Weber had 3 each and Andrew Luna and Grant Spresser had 2 points apiece.

The other boys games played on Jan. 10 were between Wheatland-Grinnell and Greeley County, with Greeley County coming out victorious; Dighton and Wallace County, where Wallace County grabbed the win; and Healy versus Weskan, with Healy winning.

The Golden Plains boys moved to the consolation bracket to face Wheatland-Grinnell on Friday. The Bulldogs lost 36-33, ending their tournament play.

The Triplains-Brewster boys didn't play again until Saturday, when they faced Weskan for seventh. The Titans lost 36-33 and landed in eighth place.

In the girls bracket, Weskan finished first, Wallace County second, Greeley County third, Triplains-Brewster fourth, Dighton fifth place, Wheatland-Grinnell sixth, Cheylin seventh and Healy eighth.

On the boys' side, Greeley County took the top spot. Healy came in second, Wallace County third, Cheylin fourth, Dighton fifth, Wallace County sixth, Weskan seventh and Triplains-Brewster eighth.

## Bulldogs junior varsity loses to Logan Trojans

By Angela Ritter  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School junior varsity basketball team traveled to Logan to compete against the Logan Trojans on Jan. 6, losing to the home team 36-29, in three quarters.

Joseph Koerperich started off the first quarter scoring 7 points, 5 of those on free throws. This left the Bulldogs with 7 points at the end of the period and Logan with a one-point lead. In the second, Koerperich continued his run, scoring 9 more points as Benny Martinez helped out with 2.

Going into the third quarter with the score of 23-18, the boys were able to add another 11 points as

the Trojans pumped in another 13 to end the game with the Bulldogs trailing 36-29.

Koerperich ended the game with 20 points, 10 of which came from the line for a 71 percent free-throw average. Also contributing to the final score were Benny Martinez with 7 and Chance Hoeting with 2.

"I felt the game went pretty good overall," Koerperich said. "We hustled and played as a team. I'm really looking forward to our upcoming game."

The junior varsity boys did not play during the week of the league tournament but will return to their home floor Friday to compete against Brewster-Triplains.

## Golden Plains triumphs over Logan for first win

By Jordan Christensen  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School boys basketball team traveled to Logan on Jan. 6 for its final game before the league tournament, returning home with a 55-23 win for its first victory of the season.

The boys started off well, controlling the tip, but soon had a turnover due to the Trojans' tough defense. The Bulldogs recovered, and Cole Christensen was the first to get on the scoreboard with 2. Golden Plains managed to hold Logan to 3 points in the first quarter, putting up 15 themselves. Finishing out the first half, the 'Dogs struggled a bit more, letting the Trojans score 13 and only getting up 10, ending the half with a 25-16 lead.

Golden Plains came out strong in the second half with a quick 2 from both Jose Bermudez and Christensen, followed by a steal and layup from Andrew Luna, and another 2 from Trey Schwarz, carrying the Bulldogs on an 8-0 run.

After the Trojans managed a shot and Christensen increased the Bulldog lead, Bermudez and Chance Hoeting returned with back-to-back 3s. Joseph Koerperich finished out the quarter for Golden Plains with 4 consecutive free throws, giving the boys a 45-24 lead going into the fourth.

Luna put up a 2 and Ethan Walter and Christensen both added 4 to end this game with a final score of 55-23, giving the Bulldogs their first win of the season.

Christensen finished the game with 19 points, along with 6 apiece from Walter, Luna, and Schwarz. Putting in 5 each were Bermudez, Tristan Schwarz, and Koerperich. Hoeting rounded out the scoring with 3.

Christensen pulled down 20 rebounds and had 8 blocks and 1 steal. Tristan Schwarz grabbed 6 rebounds while brother Trey Schwarz snatched 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Luna had 5 rebounds and 3 steals; Bermudez had 3 rebounds and 1 block; Koerperich had 4 rebounds; Grant Spresser claimed 3 rebounds; Bermudez claimed 3 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 block; and Camron Spresser and Walter each captured a rebound.

"It was nice to get our first win. We played well together as a team and really showed our individual skills," Tristan Schwarz said of the game. "Hopefully we continue to improve and develop our abilities throughout the rest of the season."

## KU sends Baylor to first loss

By Dave Skretta  
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LAWRENCE — The last time Baylor coach Scott Drew brought a team into Allen Fieldhouse, he led them off the court and into a tunnel after his players had been introduced.

The reason was the noise: It can get so loud in Kansas' venerable gymnasium, especially during the video montage before the Jayhawks are announced, that it's almost impossible to hear.

He didn't pull them off the court Monday night.

Then the Jayhawks made it look like the Bears never showed up at all.

Thomas Robinson had 27 points and 14 rebounds, Tyshawn Taylor matched a career-high with 28 points and the seventh-ranked Jayhawks rolled to a 92-74 victory, ending No. 3 Baylor's perfect start and proving once more that the road to the Big 12 title goes through Kansas.

"Loudest place we've ever played. Their fans got into the game," said Perry Jones III, who had 18 points to lead Baylor. "We still tried to stay together and not let the noise affect us."

It didn't work. A trendy pick to end Kansas' seven-year stranglehold on the

conference, Baylor (17-1, 4-1) had been riding the longest winning streak in school history to its best start ever. It left Lawrence with the school's first loss in football or men's and women's basketball since Oct. 29, a span of 40 games.

"Start with their leadership. Thomas Robinson showed why he's a player of the year candidate.

Tyshawn Taylor was outstanding," Drew said.

Travis Releford and Elijah Johnson added 11 points each for the Jayhawks (15-3, 5-0), who won their 16th straight game at Allen Fieldhouse and 10th in a row at home over the Bears.

Kansas is 17-2 against them all-time.



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