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Paulita Ramirez fought for a rebound against a Weskan player on Feb. 10. Ramirez contributed 10 points to the Bulldogs win in the junior varsity game and 3 to the varsity win.

Lady Bulldogs come up short

By Hailee Spresser
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs junior varsity held a lead against the Hill City Lady Ringnecks for most of three quarters, but wound up losing 32-28 after Hill City caught fire in the fourth.

The Lady Bulldogs came out at a slow pace on Feb. 7, putting up no points for the first quarter. Hill City nearly matched that, scoring just 4 points. For the second quarter, Golden Plains kicked it into

gear, putting in 16 points to make the halftime score 16-13.

No shots would fall in the third quarter, but the Lady Bulldogs' defense held Hill City's offense to 3 points, leaving Golden Plains up 18-16.

Hill City came roaring back in the fourth quarter, however, scoring 16 to the Lady 'Dogs 10, setting the final score at 32-28 with the Lady Ringnecks on top.

The leading scorer for Golden Plains was Taylor Todd with 12 points, while Brooke Wark and

Leea Juenemann had 4 each and Macayla Easton, Paulita Ramirez, Rachael Ritter and MiKayla Lobato all had 2.

"It felt good to compete well with one of the better teams," sophomore Easton said, "From this game, we gained experience on how to play a fast-paced game, not only for this year, but for the following years."

The junior varsity girls said they look forward to playing hard in their last two games, against Sharon Springs and Weskan.

Men's track finishes seventh at regionals

The Colby Community College men's indoor track team repeated last year's performance with a seventh-place finish at the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Region VI Championships held Saturday and Sunday in Manhattan.

"There was a significant difference in points after seventh place like we expected," said Coach James Ortiz. "We knew who the top seven teams would be going into the meet and we knew it would be a battle for those top-seven spots."

The Trojans finished with 70 points in the 20 events scored.

"Seventy is a lot of points and it's hard to accomplish that at our region meet," Ortiz said. "Our guys did a great job fighting this weekend. Last year we finished seventh at regionals and went on to finish 15th in the nation, so I'm not worried as we head to nationals."

Edward Limo, Kenya, repeated as 5,000-meter champion at the meet. He also won his first 3,000-meter title. In addition, the distance medley relay team of James Leonard, Brandon Parson, Hansel Ibarra and Jonathan Burgess repeated as Region VI champions.

Other results include:

Kristen Mitchell, 200 meter, eighth
James Carey, 400 meter, third
Jonathan Burgess, 1,000 meter, second
Hansel Ibarra, 1,000 meter, sixth
James Leonard, 1,000 meter, seventh
Raymond Velazquez, mile, fifth
Juan Pacheco, 3,000 meter, seventh
Juan Pacheco, 5,000 meter, fifth
Jason Theriot, Triple Jump, fifth
4x400 meter relay: Carey, Aaron Spann, Renaldo Gibson, Brandon Parson, seventh

4x800 meter relay: Tino Thompson, Nelson Justiss, Velazquez, Leonard, fifth

"We are a better team this season and hopefully at nationals our place will reflect that," said Ortiz. "We are proud to be a part of such a competitive region. No other region can say that they had seven teams in the top 15 in the nation last season."

The Colby men will compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championships Friday, March 2, at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill.

Bulldogs B-team wins final game of season

By Angela Ritter
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School B-team boys had to fight from behind for a win against the Cheylin Cougars.

The boys started out a little slow in the game Feb. 2, scoring just 2 points put in by Zak Brown in the first quarter. With the team starting the second quarter down 9-2, Dawson Spresser hit a basket and Joey Griffith struck three in a row. The boys' tough defense kept the Cougars from scoring in the whole quarter. With only 20 seconds to go, Jeron Schutte got one to fall put the score at 12-9 with the Bull-

dogs in the lead at the half.

Golden Plains maintained its lead in the third quarter. Going into the fourth up 16-11, Austin Rivera started the team out with 2 points. Cheylin began to hit some shots and fouls sent the Cougars to the line. With 2:12 to go, Nick Brown went up for two and Joey Griffith recovered the shot, making the score 20-17.

With one minute remaining, Clayton Bange stole the ball. A foul sent the Cougars to the line, but they weren't able to make any shots. Rivera was fouled and made his first free throw of two. Cheylin then got a chance at the line but couldn't manage to put them in.

Rivera was tackled coming up the floor and went to the line for two shots. He put in his second shot, leaving the final score 22-17.

This win puts the B-team's record at 3-6 for the season.

"I was pleased with the improvement the boys have shown this season," Coach Russ Aumiller said. "They need to continue to work hard to maintain and develop their skills as they get ready to play next year. If they can work hard in track to develop strength and speed and can keep up with their school work, they should continue to show improvement next season."

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