

# Bulldogs overrun in two games

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs high school boys were overrun by the Wallace County Wildcats in make-up games in Sharon Springs.

The junior varsity boys started off on Feb. 9 with 7 points in the first quarter and added 10 more in the second. The Wildcats, however, outran them with 14 and 15 for a 29-17 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs added 10 in the third period and 12 in the fourth for their final 39 points. The Wildcats never let up and finished the game with 65.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Trey Schwarz, Chance Hoeting, Camron Spresser, Grant Spresser, Zach Spresser and Jose Bermudez.

The varsity played the last game of the night. The Wildcats once again controlled the game and led from start to finish. The Bulldogs only managed 2 points in the first quarter, but came out in the second to put in 14.

Although they were behind 38-16 at the break, the boys did not give up, adding 16 in the third and 14 in the fourth to end the game 69-46.

The boys showed good teamwork, as every player on the floor posted points on the boards. Cole Christensen finished with 19, Ethan Walter and Camron Spresser had 7, Chance Hoeting and Trey Schwarz 3, Andrew Luna, Jose Bermudez and Tristan Schwarz 2, and Grant Spresser 1. The boys had 42 turnovers in this game, but grabbed 34 rebounds, 7 steals and 3 blocks.

The varsity boys then played a close game against the Weskan Coyotes in Rexford on Feb. 10.

Ethan Walter started the game off with a three. The Coyotes rolled in a basket and the game was started. Keeping it close, the boys matched basket for basket as the first quarter wound down with the Coyotes leading 8-7.

The Bulldogs played aggressively in the second quarter and pumped in 21 points, holding the

Coyotes to 7, to claim a 28-15 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs seemed to have lost their energy in the second half, only putting in 9 in the third quarter while allowing the Coyotes 14. The Bulldogs held on to their 37-29 lead going into the fourth, but the Coyotes kept chipping away at it until they tied the game up at 37 with just under four minutes to play. They pulled ahead, but Cole Christensen finally got a fourth quarter shot to fall to tie it back up at 39 with 2:42 on the clock.

Kalyn Weber was then fouled on a three-point shooting attempt and went to the line making all three to give the Bulldogs a 42-39 lead. Weskan then hit a three-pointer to tie the game up at 42. Another Coyote 3-pointer gave them a 45-42 lead. Coach Terry Preston called a timeout with just under a minute remaining in the game to give his players some suggestions.

Back in the game, Weskan called their own timeout. They reclaimed the floor in possession of the ball and got fouled. No points fell and the boys battled for possession only to have a jump ball called with Weskan gaining the possession.

With 8.2 seconds to play, Golden Plains fouled Weskan sending them to the line for a one-and-one. They made their first shot, missed the second and the buzzer sounded giving Weskan the 46-42 win.

"It was difficult to lose this game so close after leading most of the game," senior Weber said.

Scoring for Golden Plains were Christensen with 16 points, Weber 12, Tristan Schwarz 6, Ethan Walter 3, Trey Schwarz 3 and Jose Bermudez 2. The Bulldogs, who have suffered from numerous turnovers this season, had 36 in this game. They did grab 7 steals and 31 rebounds, including 14 by Christensen and 8 from Weber among others. Christensen also had 5 blocks along with Trey Schwarz who had 1.

After a couple of road games, the boys will have one more home game as they wrap up their regular season play tonight against Northern Valley.

## Learning to wrestle



It was Colby vs. Hoxie in kids wrestling on Feb. 10 at the Colby High School gym. The young kids got a chance to wrestle before the Colby High varsity wrestling team took the mat to face Hoxie in its last dual of the regular season.

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# KU can wrap up Big 12 title vs. Missouri

By Dave Skretta  
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LAWRENCE — Bill Self doesn't harbor much sentimentality about the end of the Kansas-Missouri rivalry.

He admits that the atmosphere in Allen Fieldhouse on Saturday, when the fourth-ranked Jayhawks play the No. 3 Tigers for the final time in the regular season, will be more "juiced" than perhaps any other time since the venerable gym opened in 1955.

But he also knows that there is a lot more riding on the game than nostalgia.

"These kids will be fired up to play, without question, for a lot of reasons: A chance to get a ring — at least a piece of it — a chance to play Missouri and, more importantly, a chance to beat a team that beat us the first time we played," Self said. "That will be our focus."

Yes, one of the biggest games in the history of a rivalry that stretches back more than 100 years has an intriguing plotline after the Tigers lost to Kansas State on Tuesday night.

The Jayhawks (23-5, 13-2 Big

12) can earn at least a share of an unprecedented eighth straight Big 12 title with a win over the Tigers (25-3, 12-3), the only team with a chance of upstaging them.

It would be Kansas' 12th championship in the 16-year history of the league, which will undergo a dramatic change next season when the Tigers depart along with Texas A&M for the SEC. It would also be the school's 55th regular-season conference title, the most in Division I.

It'll be the fourth time that Kansas and Missouri tangle when both are ranked in the top 10, the last time coming just a couple weeks ago in Columbia, Mo.

That was a back-and-forth affair as the Jayhawks crept out to an eight-point lead in the closing minutes. Then Missouri guard Marcus Denmon took over down the stretch, hitting a pair of 3s and converting a three-point play as the Tigers scored the final 11

points.

The 74-71 defeat left a miserable taste in the mouths of those wearing crimson and blue.

"We're playing for a Big 12 title, and that's a big deal," said Kansas guard Travis Releford, who was held to five points in that first meeting. "The rivalry, the title and the fact they beat us at their place, there's a whole lot of

factors to it."

Missouri had the advantage over the Jayhawks entering this week.

The two teams were tied atop the standings, but the Tigers had that win in Columbia in their back pocket. Then the Wildcats came to town on Tuesday night and had their way with Missouri, leading almost the entire way in a 78-68 victory that changed everything.

## Trojans baseball team goes 2-2 in Odessa, Texas tourney

The Colby Community College baseball team traveled to Odessa, Texas, for a two-day tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

The Trojans, coached by Ryan Carter, lost the first two games on Saturday to Midland College from Midland, Texas, 6-2 and 5-4 (10 innings). Colby won two games

on Sunday defeating Odessa College 9-5 and 10-4.

The team will travel to LaJunta, Colo., on Wednesday to play Otero Junior College. The first home game of the spring season is Wednesday, Feb. 29, beginning at noon against McCook Community College of McCook, Neb.

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