



Tristan Schwarz grabbed one of 10 rebounds he claimed during the final round of action Saturday for the Golden Plains High School boys basketball team at the Castle Rock Tournament in Quinter as teammates Grant Spresser, Shane Ryburn and Joseph Koerperich stood by ready to help get the ball back down the floor. The Bulldogs gained their first win of the season over the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks.

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Bulldogs suffer losses in Quinter tourney

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The Golden Plains High School boys basketball team suffered two losses in the first rounds of the Castle Rock Tournament in Quinter last week.

"We needed to keep a level head and make better passes," said junior Grant Spresser.

The boys entered the tournament slated to play the top ranked Ellis Railroaders on Dec. 4. They got off to a tough start, putting in only 5 points to Ellis's 22 in the first quarter. This point spread continued to expand in the second, as the boys only managed another 7 to trail 46-12 at the half.

The Bulldogs managed another 13 points in

the second half, but the Railroaders never let up and captured an 83-23 win.

Every member of the Ellis team had points in the book, but only four Bulldogs managed to score, including Spresser with 9, Tristan Schwarz 9, Andrew Luna 4 and Braden Korte 1.

Following the loss to Ellis, the Bulldogs were scheduled to take on the Cheylin Cougars in the second round last Friday.

The Cougars put up the first basket of the game only to be answered by junior Shane Ryburn. The Cougars then went on a six-point run before Spresser added another basket for the 'Dogs. The Cougars controlled the rest of the quarter, ending with a 19-4 lead. The Bulldogs outscored them 12-8 in the second quarter with points from Spresser, Joseph Koerper-

ich, Tristan Schwarz and Ryburn, trimming the deficit to 27-16 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Cougars added another 17 points while the Bulldogs only had one basket.

With 44-18 on the scoreboard to begin the fourth, the Bulldogs were determined to not give up. They played hard to the end, but the Cougars added 19 to the 'Dogs 14 to finish with a 63-32 victory.

Schwarz led the offense with 15 points as Ryburn earned 6, Spresser 4, Koerperich 3, Bermudez 2 and Luna 2. The boys worked hard on defense, making 11 steals and 22 rebounds.

The team's final game of the tournament was against the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks in a consolation match Saturday.

Candy canes kick off Rec events

The Colby Recreation Department will hold a free Candy Cane Hunt Saturday morning in Fike Park. Kids 3 and under will hunt at 10 a.m. and ages 4 to 7 at 10:15.

Sunday, the department will have a wrestling clinic with Colby Community College Coach David Nordhues in the college wrestling room. Cost is \$25 for 2 1/2 hours of instruction on fundamentals and technique.

Kids in kindergarten to third grades will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and again from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Fourth through sixth grades will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and again from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Register by phone or e-mail by noon today; you can pay Coach Nordhues on Sunday. Checks

should be made payable to the Colby Recreation Department.

The deadline for the Youth Basketball League for first through sixth grade girls and boys is next Friday.

Director Stacy Jasper said if any school organizations or students need community service hours, the department needs help with cleanup and set up of a craft fair for the next day at the Community Building following the Colby High basketball games tonight.

"We could also use help then with tear down on Saturday evening," she said.

Contact Jasper by e-mail at colbyrecreation@gmail.com or at the office at 460-4440 for information.

Chiefs receiver out this week

By Dave Skretta
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Steve Breaston isn't sure why he hasn't been getting on the field for the Chiefs.

He's asked why but hasn't really gotten a straight answer, or at least not an answer that he's comfortable sharing. The veteran wide receiver hasn't been active for several games, during which the Chiefs' pass offense

has been mostly abysmal.

Breaston may finally get back on the field Sunday under the direst of circumstances.

The Chiefs will be without leading wide receiver Dwayne Bowe for their game at Oakland, depriving them of their biggest

downfield threat and only reliable option. Bowe hurt his ribs last Sunday against Cleveland, and coach Romeo Crennel hinted he may be out the rest of the year.



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