

Golden Plains ousted in first round at state

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HAYS — The Golden Plains Bulldogs saw their 9-game winning streak end on Thursday night as they fell to the Hanston Elks in the first round of the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament at the Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University, 67-39. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 16-10 mark.

As the teams tipped off, Hanston took control but failed to drop it in the net. Golden Plains took advantage of the rebound and attempted a 3-pointer, but in the end it would be the Elks with the first two buckets of the night.

The Bulldogs soon put an end to the Elks' domination and as the score was in Hanston's favor 9-7 the Bulldogs went on a 7-2 run to end the quarter up by 3 points, 14-11.

In the second quarter, Golden Plains worked hard defensively and kept Hanston from scoring a field goal for nearly half of the quarter, unfortunately, fouls by the Bulldogs continued to send the Elks to the charity strip. Although Hanston had not made a field goal, they had made 10 shots from the line and had sank 9 of them.

Before the teams could leave the floor for the half-time break, Hanston had scored 6 more 2 pointers and another free throw for a total of 22 points in the quarter.

Golden Plains sank 4 baskets for 2 points each and senior Casey Shaw had sank three free points after being fouled from outside the arc by Andale. The score as the teams headed for the locker room was 33-25 in Hanston's favor.

Upon returning from the break, the Bulldogs were held scoreless for more than two and a half minutes by the strong Elk defense. Once Bulldog Brady Dible did sink one from the field, it would be nearly another two minutes before the team would make the second and last field goal

of the quarter. Dible rounded out the quarter with one from the free-throw line.

As the Bulldogs were only able to score 5 in the third quarter, Hanston had another big run and scored another 22 points in the quarter including a bucket at the buzzer by Adam Hann. Shaw fouled out in the third quarter with 1:14 remaining after a technical was called.

With only 8 more minutes to play, Golden Plains was trailing Hanston by 25 points, 55-30. In the final quarter the Bulldogs did sink 2 more field goals and 5 free-throws for a total of 9 points. This was far short of what was needed for the win to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament. Hanston finished the game by scoring 12 points in the final quarter and won , 67-39.

Brady Dible led the team in scoring with 11 points and was the only player in double figures. Rounding out the scoring for Golden Plains was Jesse Miller 9, Casey Shaw and Brandon Offutt 6 each, Matt Giesenhausen, Landon Truetken and Heath Alber 2 and Brett Dible 1.

The Bulldogs were 25 percent from the field sinking 12 of 48. The Elks were 48 percent from the field making 22 of 46. From the free throw line, Golden Plains was 52 percent (13 of 25), while Hanston was 67 percent (20 of 30).

Hanston led in turnovers with 16 while Golden Plains had 12. In the foul department the Bulldogs tware whistled 23 times while Hanston ended the night with 21.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs are coached by Travis Smith and Erik Fields. Team members include: Brent Moss, Matt Giesenhausen, Homero Vargas, Brady Dible, Jesse Miller, Casey Shaw, Landon Truetken, Brett Dible, Heath Albers, Dusty Spresser, Brandon Offutt and Kenny Johnson.



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Senior Brady Dible pressed past a Hanston opponent in their match-up on Thursday in the Class 1A State Basketball Tourna-

ment in Hays. Dible led the scoring for the Bulldogs with 11 points. He was 3 for 13 from the field and 5 for 8 from the free throw line.

Go Bulldogs!



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Golden Plains fans were out in full support of the Bulldogs as they played the Hanston Elks in the first round of the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament in Hays. This was the first appearance of the Bulldogs at the state tournament in 10 years.

Eagles play Ottawa tonight in semi-finals

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The Colby Eagles play the Ottawa Cyclones tonight in the semi-final round of the Class 4A State Basketball Tournament at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. The game is at 8:15 p.m.

The Eagles are 20-4 after their near heart-stopping win against Andale on Wednesday night. The Eagles beat (17-6) Andale 64-61 after a half-court-shot by Matt Augustine at the buzzer.

The Cyclones defeated the Lansing Lions (17-6) on Wednesday,

80-58. Ottawa is now 21-3 as they enter tonight's game.

If the Eagles win tonight, they advance to the championship game at 6:15 p.m., Saturday, vs. the winner of the Chanute-Marysville game (4:45 p.m. today).

If the Eagles are beaten tonight,

they will play in the consolation finals for third place against the loser of the Chanute-Marysville game on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Former Montreal player could be a Royal

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Rick DeHart could be closing in on a job with the Kansas City Royals.

The left-hander, out of the major leagues since he played for Montreal in 1999, retired all four left-handed hitters he faced Thursday in the Royals' 8-3 loss to the San Francisco Giants.

"I was very impressed," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "He's some movement on his fastball with a little tail to left-handed hitters. We just need to see more of this guy."

DeHart, who missed the 2000

season after elbow surgery, has two hits in 4 1-3 scoreless innings this spring. He is working on his sharpening his slider.

If the Royals carry only one left-handed reliever, DeHart would be competing with incumbent Scott Mullen.

Pedro Feliz hit a three-run homer in the third off loser Jeremy Affeldt,

who allowed five runs, eight hits and three walks in four innings.

Winner Ryan Jensen gave up two runs and eight hits in five innings, walking none.

Andres Galarraga homered in the fifth for the Giants off Sean Lowe.

Michael Tucker, who homered twice Wednesday for the Royals, homered leading off the second.

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