

# Bulldog varsity team plays well against Huskies

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The Golden Plains boys varsity basketball team demonstrated improvement against the Northern Valley Huskies in a home game, falling behind, but staging a last-minute comeback that came within two points of victory.

The high school squad moved the ball well in the first quarter, but some of their shots just wouldn't fall. Their teamwork was demonstrated as the boys distributed

the ball, allowing Grant Spreser, Tristan Schwarz, Joseph Koerperich, Camron Spreser and Andrew Luna to contribute baskets in the 11-point quarter, keeping it close throughout the first eight minutes.

As point guard, he distributed the ball well, with several team members adding another 11 points in the second for the Bulldogs. The Huskies led by 3 with just under two minutes until the half, but managed to extend their lead to 27-22 by the break.

The Huskies extended their lead to 50-36 by the end of the third quarter despite

an additional 14 points from the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs were determined to not give up as they stepped up their game in the fourth. Buckets from G. Spreser, Jose Bermudez, C. Spreser and a coast-to-coast run by Shane Ryburn narrowed the spread to 9. Koerperich responded to a Husky free throw with 2 of his own to narrow the spread. Another free shot from G. Spreser brought the game to within 7. Additional free throws on both sides of the ball dominated throughout the quarter as both teams played aggressive ball.

With about two minutes to play, Ber-

mudez fouled out following a basket by Schwarz. Luna responded with a shot at 1:23 to make it a 2-point game, 57-55. As the crowd erupted with excitement, the Huskies called a timeout to regroup from the assault.

They returned to the floor for another basket, taking a 5-point lead. Ryburn scored from the foul line and Coach Mike Doll called a Bulldog timeout with 23 seconds to play. The Bulldogs sent the Huskies to the line as the final seconds clicked by, but the Huskies hit their free shots to win 63-56.

The Bulldogs ended the game with 16 points from Tristan Schwarz and 13 from G. Spreser, Luna and Koerperich 7 each, C. Spreser and Ryburn 5 each and Bermudez 3. Both played hard all night, shooting a combined 45 free throws during the game – 25 in the fourth quarter alone.

The Bulldogs pulled down 36 rebounds (Schwarz 9, G. Spreser 7, Ryburn and C. Spreser 5 each, Luna 4, Koerperich and Bermudez 3) and captured 7 steals (Schwarz 5, Ryburn 1, Luna 1) while holding their turnovers to 15.

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