



KOI WESSEL/Golden Plains Middle School

Sophomore Taylor Todd dribbled past a Lady Thunderhawk defender during the junior varsity game at Grainfield on Feb. 15. This was the girls' second loss of the season, resulting in a season record of 10-2.

Junior varsity girls fall to Lady Thunderhawks

By Hailee Spresser

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldog junior varsity basketball team traveled to Grainfield on Feb. 15 to take on the Wheatland-Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks.

"This was the first time we had seen Wheatland-Grinnell this season," said freshman Taylor Todd. "We weren't sure what to expect."

The Lady Bulldogs began with a rocky start. The Lady Thunderhawks put a tremendous amount of pressure on the ball, causing the Lady Bulldogs to only put up 6 in the first quarter, all by Tayler Petersen, to Wheatland-Grinnell's 12.

The tables turned for the Lady Bulldogs as the game moved into the second quarter. Golden Plains picked up the pace to pull ahead of the Lady Thunderhawks, holding them to just 2 points, setting the score going into halftime at 17-14.

In the third quarter, shots by the Lady Bulldogs would not fall. Wheatland-Grinnell ended the quarter with 12 points to lead 26-17. Golden Plains picked up its momentum in the fourth quarter, but it was too late. The Lady Bulldogs fell to the Lady Thunderhawks by a close margin, 30-27.

Contributing points to the scoreboard were Petersen 8, Maddy Walz 8, Rachael Ritter 4, Paulita Ramirez 3, Todd 2 and Kynndra Rush 2.

"This game was the most competition we have had all season," Todd added. "Our defense and lack of rebounding contributed to the loss of this game."

The junior varsity's final game was a matchup with Cheylin for the second time this season. The first game between them ended in the girls' first loss of the season. This face off was in Rexford on Friday.

Lady Bulldogs win close game

By Hailee Spresser

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School Lady Bulldog varsity girls faced their third matchup of the season with Wheatland-Grinnell.

Each team had a loss to each other, so determination from both sides filled the gym. The Lady Bulldogs came into this matchup with a record of 16-2, hoping to add to their winning streak of 14 games in a row.

The Lady Bulldogs matched Wheatland-Grinnell's intensity in the first quarter. Both sides had a successful quarter on the offensive end of the court, each putting in 11.

The second quarter came and

went as fast as the first. Wheatland-Grinnell outscored the Lady Bulldogs by 3, 11-8. This set the score going into halftime at 22-19, Wheatland-Grinnell leading.

The third quarter was a game changer for the Lady Bulldogs. Golden Plains came out with so much determination and intensity that the Lady Thunderhawks could not match it. The Lady Bulldogs put in 12 for the quarter and held Wheatland-Grinnell to just 2 points.

Going into the fourth quarter, the score was 31-24. The Lady Thunderhawks picked up their pace and caught up to Golden Plains at the end of the quarter. The Lady Bulldogs put in a few important free throws at the end

to nip Wheatland-Grinnell, 39-37.

Scorers included: Angela Ritter 9, Kami Miller 8, Jordan Christensen 7, Hailee Spresser 6, Kylie Jones 5 and Leea Juenemann and Macayla Easton each putting in 2.

"We won because we worked hard," Christensen commented. "Although it was not an on night for us and we didn't play to our full potential, we still came out on top. Going into substate, we may see them again and better be ready to bring our 'A' game to whoever we play."

The Lady Bulldogs' last regular season game was against the Cheylin Lady Cougars at home on Friday.

Recreation office plans spring events

The Colby Recreation Department is gearing up for its spring activities and events.

The Sixth Annual Spring Fling 5K and Youth Mile Run will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, said Director Stacy Jasper. Cost is \$25 for 5K participants and \$15 for youth mile runners (12 and under).

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each race. Sign up by today for a guaranteed T-shirt.

Wednesday is the last day to sign up a team for coed volleyball. Cost is \$150 per team. Games are played on Monday evenings at the high school from mid-March to mid-May.

The deadline to sign up your children for the Spring Break Bash is Wednesday, March 6. The bash is a morning of crafts and games to be held from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 13. Cost is \$10 and is for ages 4 to 12 years.

The deadline to register your team for the Women's Basketball League is Wednesday, March 27. Games will be played on Thursday nights in April. Cost is \$75 per team.

On another note, Jasper said the department has had some problems with its 2013 calendars. She has a document available with all program deadlines for this year, so if you would like that list, contact her.

Most program deadlines fall on Wednesdays, she said, and there will be an additional \$5 charge for any late registrations. Not all applicants are guaranteed.

"We are currently in the midst of building a brand new Rec website that will be very up-to-date and modern," Jasper added. "I will let you know when everything is ready to go. Thanks for your patience!"

For information or to register, contact Jasper at the department office, 460-4440, or by e-mail at colby-recreation@gmail.com.

Triplains-Brewster boys edge out Palco Roosters

By Michele Werth and Michael Collett

Brewster Schools

In a league outing, the Triplains-Brewster Titans basketball squad shocked the Palco Roosters (11-7), nipping them by a margin of 38-36 in Palco on Feb. 15.

Triplains-Brewster Titans led the Palco Roosters 17-7 after the first quarter. Triplains-Brewster lengthened their lead to 22-9 halfway through the second quarter, which would be their biggest of the game.

Palco came back, outscoring

Triplains-Brewster in the second, third and fourth quarters. It was a defensive game that the Titans were in charge of from the score of 7-5. Palco suffered their first loss since beating Weskan the second time this season on Feb. 8. Palco also beat Cheylin on Jan. 25 and placed second in the league tournament (losing to Cheylin).

Leading scorer was Nathan Jorgensen who had 12 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal for the Titans. Will Allen scored 11 for the Titans, had 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Michael Schmidt had 6 points, 7 rebounds,

1 assist and 1 steal. Seth Smith had 4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and 1 deflection. Ryan Gfeller had 5 points, 1 assist and 2 rebounds.

Palco was led by Chase Newell, who had 12 points, and Brent Gehring, who had 8 points.

The Titans (8-10) prepared for their outing against Heartland Christian School on Tuesday. The Crusaders go into the non-league outing with a 0-6 record. In their last outing, Heartland Christian was tipped by Western Plains (Ransom) 69-25 in a non-league outing.



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