

Pretty Prairie has biggest bark in 52-33 win over Osborne girls in 1A-I

DODGE CITY – All season, the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs girls' basketball team has been tested in many ways, facing a multitude of defenses.

Most have not worked and when Scott Goering's girls found out that it could handle the full-court pressure of the Osborne Bulldogs early on, the Pretty Prairie girls were on their way to a 52-33 romp in the Class 1A-I quarterfinal game at United Wireless Arena Thursday afternoon.

The victory improved Pretty Prairie to 23-1 and it sets up a monumental semifinal pairing against unbeaten and top-seeded Hodgeman County at 4 p.m. Friday.

Pretty Prairie had already taken hold of the game by halftime, leading 31-21, and despite a 3-pointer by Osborne to start the third, the rest of the game was all the 'Dogs of Pretty Prairie.

A 16-6 spree in the third put them out in front 47-27 and for the most part, Goering watched his team execute a delay game that kept the clock ticking for much of the final eight minutes.

"I thought we stayed under control against their pressure," Goering said of Osborne's pressure. "We're fortunate in that we've got three, four players who can handle the ball. Once we get out inside-outside game going, I think we make it tough on teams."

Taking good shots also showed in the 50 percent field goal effort as well as balanced scoring from Jorah Harbaugh (15) and 12 each from Bailey Young and McKenna Vogl. Gracie Riner and Ava Stull shared honors for Osborne with 10 points each. The Osborne girls could manage only 31.4 percent field goal shooting on 11-of-35 shots.

Osborne held a 24-22 edge in rebounding, with Stull grabbing eight. Vogl matched that to lead Pretty Prairie. Osborne was guilty of 17 turnovers to only seven for Pretty Prairie. The winning squad also created 14 assists of their 20 made baskets, with Aubery Young dishing out five of those.

Osborne finishes its season at 22-2.

Pretty Prairie's version of the 'Dogs took control early, jumping out to leads of 5-0 and then 13-2 in the first few minutes of the game. By quarter's end, it was Pretty Prairie up 16-8.

Using a combination inside-out play, the PP Bulldogs used Vogl as the focal point on offense as she knocked down 11 points and grabbed five rebounds in the first half. Ava Stull's 10 points helped the Osborne 'Dogs stay within range at intermission which saw Prairie on top 31-21.

Osborne turned the ball over 11 times to just only two for Pretty Prairie in that opening salvo while also owning a 16-11 advantage on the boards.

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Pretty Prairie 16 15 16 5 -- 52

Osborne 8 13 6 6 -- 33

Pretty Prairie (23-1) – Young 1-5 2-2 4, Jorah Harbaugh 6-8 1-3 15, Young 5-8 1-2 12, Vogl 5-10 2-5 12, Kruse 1-2 0-0 2, Joley Harbaugh 1-1 0-0 3, White 1-3 0-1 3, Webster 0-3 0-0 0, Detter 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 20-40 7-15 52.

Osborne (22-2) – Lutters 3-13 0-1 8, Riner 3-7 3-4 10, Elson 0-2 1-2 1, Stull 4-10 2-2 10, Brummer 1-1 0-0 3, William 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 11-35 7-11 33.

3-point goals—Pretty Prairie 5-12 (Young 0-4, Jorah Harbaugh 2-3, Young 1-1, Vogl 0-1, Joley Harbaugh 1-1, White 1-2), Osborne 4-13 (Lutters 2-7, Riner 1-3, Stull 0-2, Brummer 1-1). Rebounds—Pretty Prairie 22 (Vogl 8), Osborne 24 (Stull 8). Assists—Pretty Prairie 14 (Young 5), Osborne 6 (Wolters, Riner, William 2 each). Fouls—Pretty Prairie 11, Osborne 17. Fouled out—Osborne (Stull).