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Two words, and two alone, describe Saturday evening's game Hooker's boys played against the Moorland Bearcats – total domination. The Bulldogs claimed the District Championship after a score of 65-38. The Lady Bulldogs, however, didn't fare so well after losing Sophomore Kyra Cathcart to shoulder surgery just days before. The Lady Bulldogs tried hard, but were topped by Mooreland with a score of 49-31.

Although the boys received their district title plaque, both Bulldog teams will advance to regionals.

The only point in the game the boys were behind the Mooreland Bearcats was midway through

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the first quarter with a score of 6-5. Six second later, the Bulldogs tied the score at 6-6 – then they were off and running.

The first quarter saw a three point lead over the Bearcats, by the second quarter the Bulldogs had twice as many points on the board as their counterparts. During the second half, the Bulldogs were on a roll – and they certainly got the job done.

Even though the crowd saw an amazing second half domination over the Bearcats, Head Coach Chad Hussey said major adjustments had to be made due to an valuable part of the team fouling out of the game - and the boys stepped up.

“We had one guy, starter Gabe Morales, who got into a little foul trouble, so we had to sit him in the second half,” Hussey said. “It was a little tough, but we made some good adjustments.

“We made some adjustments there and had to fill that void,” he added. “When he plays, he doesn’t come off the floor much for us, so when he leaves that is big void to fill and our kids did it - all the way around.”

Senior Chad Kennedy led the Hooker Bulldogs in scoring with 17 points - nine of those points he successfully made from the three-point line.

Hussey said Kennedy stepped up Saturday night and didn’t back down once. Kennedy said he is looking forward to regionals, however, it is all about one game at a time, he said.

“We go to Enid for regionals,” Kennedy said. “We will have to keep playing defense, because that is how we win games. We really just have to play one game at a time and not look to far ahead.”

The Lady Bulldogs, although they did not win their game, played with everything they had regardless of the story the scoreboard told them throughout the game.

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With only one point scored in the first quarter to the Lady Bearcat's 10 points, the girls knew they had their work cut out for them. By the second half, Hooker had only put seven points on the board, as opposed to Mooreland's 13. The second half, however, saw much less of a point spread. The third quarter, the Bulldogs scored nine points to Mooreland's 12. By the fourth quarter, Mooreland had only put one point more than the Bulldogs on the board.

The game ultimately ended in a score of 49-31. Junior Mariana Cervantes was the Bulldog's high scorer for the game. Head Coach Ray Kennedy said Cervantes stepped up Saturday.

"Kyra Cathcart, she is our leading scorer," Kennedy said. "She was down right after Christmas and she just had surgery a couple days ago for a dislocated shoulder. It was tough without her. In the first quarter, we dug ourselves such a hole that it was kind of hard to dig out.

"Mariana Cervantes, she was one that kind of stepped up a little bit. We only had seven points at halftime, she scored six of them."

Both teams will advance to the regional tournament on Thursday.

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