

## B-Team Boys Win Two at Tournament

The Golden Plains Middle School boys' basketball teams started their season on Friday, November 14, 2014 at the Brewster Invitational. The B-team won both of their contests with team members Rolis Loya, Toby Korte, Austin Patmon, Joseph Yanez, Bryce Ter Haar, and Wade Rush playing for the Bulldogs.

Our first game was match up against Triplains/Brewster. The boys started out hot against the Titans outscoring them 21 to 5 in the first half. They continued to out hustle them in the second half holding them scoreless in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. "Our good defense set up our scoring opportunities throughout the game," said Coach Russ Aumiller. The final score was 39-10 with Rush scoring 23, Patmon-10, and Loya-6.

On Saturday the B team played against Grinnell. "We were evenly matched playing the Thunderhawks," said Aumiller. "At the end of the first half we were tied up at 9 apiece. The second half was about the same as we seesawed back and forth. We hit some key free throws in the fourth quarter to help seal the victory." The final score was 25-17 with Rush posting up 15, Patmon-9, and Loya-1

The A-team also played in the tournament with Dylan Spresser, Jacob Ritter, Colby Lathrop, Caleb Korte, Nolan Ritter, and Miguel Monge suiting up for the 'Dogs.

The A team game started out with a very competitive match up against the Titans. The first half was very evenly matched with the halftime score 13-10 favoring Tripalins/Brewster. "We did get into some early foul trouble in the first half which limited our aggressiveness," said Aumiller. "In the second half we were able to keep pace ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> period just one point down. (18-17). The Titans balanced scoring in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter made defending them a challenge." The boys ended the game a bit short with a final score 25-19 in favor of the Titans. Posting up points for GPMS were Korte-12, Spresser-3, J. Ritter-2, and N. Ritter-2.

Saturday's game for the A team was also against Grinnell. This second game of the season was also a very close contest. "We started out a bit sluggish in the first half down 7 to 11," said Aumiller. "It was a hard fought second half with Grinnell up 25-17 with about a minute and a half left on the clock. A couple of late 3 pointers put us back within two. The Bulldogs never gave up battling to the end." However it was not quite enough as the Bulldogs lost 23-25. Scoring was fairly evenly distributes with Spresser-9, Korte-7, Monge-3, J. Ritter-2, and N. Ritter-2.

The Bulldogs will start their season competition as they travel to Logan on November 20.

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