

MS Bulldogs Play 'Hawks in Overtime By Morgan Ritter

On January 29, the Bulldogs of Golden Plains Middle School traveled to Grinnell/Wheatland to take on the Thunderhawks. The B-Team fell to the 'Hawks 35-42 in Overtime. The A-Team defeated the 'Hawks 31-27.

In the B Boys game, the 'Dogs played hard defense, but could not keep the Thunderhawks from jumping ahead 2 to 8 by the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs picked up their game in the second quarter and worked to stop the T-Hawks. A score of 13 to 14 sent the 'Dogs into halftime.

Coming out in the second half, the Bulldogs pushed hard to correct their mistakes from the first half. Golden Plains was only able to score 8 points in the third quarter, while Grinnell/Wheatland put 12 points on the board. In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs were able to score 10 points to tie the score up at 31.

In an exciting overtime match-up, the 'Dogs continued their intensity but were only able to put up 4 points, while the T-Hawks scored 10. The B-Team Bulldogs missed adding a win to their record, with a 35 to 41 loss to Grinnell/Wheatland. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Wade Rush with 25, Rolis Loya-2, Toby Korte-2, and Austin Patmon-6.

The A-Team boys started their game against Grinnell/Wheatland out strong, outscoring the Thunderhawks 9 to 2 at the end of the first quarter. Nolan Ritter put up 7 of the 9 points, while Caleb Korte adding a bucket. In the second quarter, the 'Dogs played tough defense to give the T-Hawks only 4 points to add to the board. Wade Rush and Korte each dished out four points to put the Bulldogs up 17 to 6 at the end of the first half.

Golden Plains tried to keep-up their intensity, but the Thunderhawks were able to get 8 points on the board in the third quarter. Rush added 2 more points, and Korte got in two buckets and one free-throw to put the score at 24 to 14 in favor of the 'Dogs at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter was full of shots falling through the hoop; the Bulldogs gained 7 more points, thanks to Jacob Ritter and Caleb Korte. The Thunderhawks were able to get through the 'Dogs tough defense and scored 12 additional points. Final score of the game was 31 to 27 for another win for the Bulldogs to put them at 6 wins and 4 losses on the season.

"We played well together as a team," said Nolan Ritter, "we did what we needed to do be successful." Scoring for the 'Dogs were Korte-14, N. Ritter-7, Rush-6, and J. Ritter-4. The Bulldogs will travel to Weskan on February 5 for their final game of the season before the League Tournament.