

GPHS Hosts Junior Varsity Tournament By Morgan Ritter

On January 24, a junior varsity tournament was held in Rexford to allow younger athletes to gain more court time and valuable experience. The teams that attended on the boy's side of the tournament were Cheylin, Triplains/Brewster, and Golden Plains.

The first game of the morning was between the Cheylin Cougars and the Triplains/Brewster Titans. This match-up ended with the Titans coming out on top, 64-19.

Game two for the boy's side was the Golden Plains Bulldogs against the Titans. The Bulldogs started the first quarter out slow, allowing 12 points for T/B, while only scoring 2 points. Sophomore Nick Brown and freshman Devin Carter both sank one free-throw each to put the 'Dogs on the scoreboard. During the second quarter, Jesus Aragon, sophomore, got a bucket to fall in through the Titan's strong defense. That bucket put the score at 20-4 with the Titans in the lead going into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs were held to only 3 points, contributed by Carter and junior Feliciano Bermudez. The Titans were able to get 8 points on the board, even though the 'Dogs worked hard on both the offensive and defensive ends. The Bulldogs finally got buckets to fall in the fourth quarter, scoring 10 points and holding the Titans to only 7 points. "Even though we worked hard as a team," stated Bermudez, "we still need to work on building confidence in ourselves and in what we are capable of doing."

The final score of the game was Triplains/Brewster-35, Golden Plains-17. Scorers for the Bulldogs were Feliciano Bermudez-9, Nick Brown-3, Devin Carter-3 and Jesus Aragon-2. Other players for the Bulldogs were Jose Ortiz, Francisco Villa, Luke Wessel, Mathew Huff, Clayton Bange, and Jeron Schutte.

In game three for the boys, the Bulldogs took on the Cougars. The 'Dogs started the game determined to pick up their effort. They went on a scoring streak in the first half, scoring 22 points and only allowing a mere 7 points for Cheylin. Golden Plains did not let up in the second half either. Another 23 points was added to the scoreboard by the 'Dogs. The Cougars did manage to get 12 points on the Bulldogs in the second half. "We valued the ball, took our own tempo in the game, and stayed focus," said Luke Wessel, "all of which helped us come out with a win. We do need to concentrate more on getting our easy shots to fall."

A final score of 45-19 gave the 'Dogs another win on the season. Scoring in the game were Francisco Villa-3, Luke Wessel-6, Jesus Aragon-6, Devin Carter-8, Clayton Bange-2, Feliciano Bermudez-10, and Jeron Schutte-10.

The JV Bulldogs take a week off from games as the varsity prepares for their league tournament starting February 2.