

B-Boys Place Fourth at League By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School B-team boys placed fourth in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament in Brewster on February 10.

They played the first round of the tournament on Thursday against Triplains/Brewster. This was the third time they had played the Titans this season. They avenged their first two losses by playing tenacious defense holding the Titans to only 2 points and playing better offensively by scoring 17. Points were scored by Jesus Monge 11, Joshua Yanez-Perez 3, Mason Green 2, and Memo Aragon 1.

This win scheduled them to play the #1 seeded Northern Valley Huskies in the semi-final round on Saturday. The first half of the game was very evenly matched with a score of 4-7 in favor of the Huskies at the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs played hard in the second quarter staying within 8 at the half.

The Bulldogs dropped off defensively in the third allowing the Huskies to score 16 to the Bulldog 2. Playing better in the fourth, they gave up 8 while adding 4 for a final score of 41-15 and a Husky win. "The Huskies speed and good shooting made it quite challenging for our team," said Coach Russ Aumiller. Mason Green put in 7 points for the Bulldogs with 6 from Monge and 2 by Aragon.

The Bulldogs played the consolation game for 3rd and 4th place against the Grinnell Thunderhawks. "These were two evenly matched teams," added Aumiller. The Bulldogs scored 8 in the first half while the 'Hawks put up 15. "Our defense was able to shut them out in the third period," continued Aumiller, "to close the gap going into the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, our great hustle and efforts were not quite enough to get the victory." The 'Hawks won the game 25-19 with Bulldog points scored by Green 8, Monge 5, Yanez 4, and BJ Rogers 2. Will Bruggeman and Jerrit Koerperich helped the team out throughout the tournament.