

Bulldogs Win First Round of League Tournament

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School A-team boys were matched up against Weskan for the first round of the WKLL post-season tournament in Brewster on February 8. "We started out a bit sluggish in the first half by not capitalizing on our size advantage," said Coach Russ Aumiller.

They only led by 3 points at the end of the first half. The second half was a different story as the Bulldogs outscored the Coyotes 33 to 16 in the second half. The final score was GP 50 Weskan 32.

Jovanny Infante led the Bulldogs scoring with 27 points. Alex Gonzalez added 10, Fabian Cepeda 7, and Ashton Schiltz 6. Helping out were Roberto Loya, Garrett Carter, and Wyatt McDonald. "We were glad to get the win," said Ashton Schiltz, "so we could play another game."

This win advanced GP to a match-up against the number one seeded Grinnell Thunderhawks. GP started out very aggressively on the defensive side of the ball. "We were holding our own in the first half being down by only 8 points," added Aumiller. "The second half was a bit more challenging trying to stop their fast-paced offense. We did get into some foul trouble, which took away from our aggressiveness."

The game ended 41 to 18 ending the season for the Bulldogs with points coming from Schiltz 5, Infante 4, Loya 4, Cepeda 3, and Gonzalez 2 with assistance from McDonald and Carter. The A-team boys finished their season with an overall record of 4 wins 8 losses. "It was a good season," said Garrett Carter. "We had fun playing together as a team. We all improved our skills this season." "Our goal is to continue to improve in high school next year," added Schiltz.