

MS Girls Place Third at League By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School B-Team girls basketball team placed third at the WKLL league tournament in Brewster on February 10. The girls lost to Weskan in the semi-final round and defeated Triplains/Brewster in the finals for the third place title.

The Lady Bulldogs started off strong in the first game against the Weskan Lady Coyotes with four points in the first quarter, holding the Coyotes to 0. The Coyotes came back in the second with 8 points holding the Dogs to 2 for an 8-6 lead at the half.

The Dogs outscored the Coyotes 5-4 in the third to trail by 1 but the Coyotes held on in the fourth adding 8 while the Dogs added 5 to end the game with a 20-16 Weskan win. Jade Dible put in 8 points for the Bulldogs along with Molly Ritter 5, Alicia Vargas 2, and MaKenlea Focke 1.

“The games went well for the most part,” said Molly Ritter. “We should have done better in the first game. We didn’t hustle as much as we should have. We did better in the second game.”

The Bulldogs were ready to play in the third place game as they jumped out to a 14-2 lead over the Triplains/Brewster Titans in the first quarter. The Titans added 4 in the second quarter holding the Bulldogs to 1, but the Dogs held on to a 15-6 half time lead.

The Dogs again poured on the offense in the third with 10 while their defense held the Titans to 0. The Titans finished the 2 in the fourth while the Dogs added 3 more for the win 28-8. Makynslee Vargas led the Bulldogs with 8 points along with 7 each from Ritter and Dible. Focke, Alicia Vargas, and Shayna Altman each added 2.

The B-Team girls finished their season with a 9-4 record. “I’m proud of what we accomplished during the season,” added Ritter. “We improved at handling the ball and as a team. I’m looking forward to next year.”

“The whole season went well,” continued Elizabeth Romero. “We had good team work, encouragement, and worked hard. The coaches encouraged us to work hard, do our best, and have fun. We won as many games as we could. Our goal for next season is to work hard and know we did our best.”

“The highlight was that we were all able to work together,” added MaKenlea Focke. “The sixth grade learned a lot. We learned what Coach Smith’s expectations are for future years.”