

MS Basketball Season Begins By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Boys Basketball team started off their season at the Pre-Season tournament in Brewster on November 15-16 with both A and B teams testing their early season skills. “This tournament is a good way for us to see where our strengths are,” said Coach Russ Aumiller. “Now we know what we need to focus on in practice.”

The B-team boys played Brewster/Triplains on Friday. Both teams gained the feel of the floor in the first quarter with Joseph Yanez scoring the first basket of the season and the game in the second to give the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead at the half. Caleb Korte added a bucket in the third, but the Triplains/Brewster team put in 5 to hold a 5-4 lead going into the fourth. Working together, Korte added six points in the fourth for the 10-5 win.

On Saturday, the boys faced the Northern Valley Huskies. They had trouble getting going in the first, but made a basket in each of the remaining quarters with one each from Dylan Spreser, Korte, and Yanez. Also playing on the B-team for the Bulldogs were Chuck Bailey, Colby Lathrop, and Bryce TerHaar. The Huskies took control with 17 in the first winning the game 39-6.

The A-team boys took the floor on Friday with 5 team members to play Triplains/Brewster. In this closely contested match, both teams put in 2 points in the first quarter. AJ Camacho fired up for 11 in the second to give the Bulldogs an 11-7 lead at the half. He added four more in the third as the Titans put in 5. In the fourth, the Bulldogs managed four more, but the Titans added in nine to tie the game up at 21 sending the first game of the season into overtime. Jacob Ritter sank a three in the OT, but the Titans matched it with a three of their own, sending the game into a second overtime. Camacho put in a free throw in the second OT, but the Titans added another three-point shot to claim the win 27-25.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs headed back to Brewster to face off against Northern Valley. The Huskies claimed an early 16-8 lead in the first quarter. The Bulldogs rallied in the second to outscore them 10-7, but the Huskies still held the lead at the half. The Bulldogs put up another 10 in the second half, but the Huskies stayed with them and won the game 41-28. The Bulldogs will open their regular season games at home on November 21 when they host Logan.