

## MS Dogs Claim Win over Titans By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Boys basketball A-Team claimed a 57-24 win over the Triplains/Brewster Titans on December 9 in Rexford. "It was a great, fun game to play," said 8<sup>th</sup> grader Diego Perez, who scored a career-high 24 points for the Bulldogs.

The Dogs jumped to a 9-2 lead in the first quarter but the Titans came back to trail 11-8 at the end of the quarter. The Dogs stayed strong in the second with baskets from Zeke Weiner, Dylan Wark, and Perez as they extended their lead to 23-13 by the half.

The Titans played hard in the third adding 11 points while the Dogs held steady with 12 of their own. The final quarter was all Bulldogs as Wark pushed through for an additional 12, Perez added another 8, and Tanner Black with 2 more. The Titans were unable to find the basket as the Bulldogs won the game 57-24.

Along with 24 points from Perez, Dylan Wark scored 21. Zeke Weiner and Tanner Black each added 6.

The B-team boys played a close game with the Titans earlier in the evening with the Titans winning 18-16 in overtime. The Bulldogs opened with a 5-0 first quarter lead. The Dogs only added four in the second while the Titans got on the board with a three for a 9-3 Bulldog lead at the half.

The Titans found their game in the third quarter adding 8 points and holding the Dogs to 2 to tie the game up at 11. The fourth quarter was a battle as the Titans pulled ahead only to have the game tied again. A basket from Cristian Garcia gave the Bulldogs the lead but the Titans hit a three with 20 seconds left in the game to regain the lead. Garcia made a free throw to tie the game up sending it into overtime.

The Bulldogs missed several free-throw opportunities in the OT the Titans made a single basket for the 18-16 win. "We played better than last time," said Cristian Garcia-6<sup>th</sup> grade. "We did better at catching and holding the ball and at making passes. This was our first time to play in overtime and it was exciting. We still need to work on making our shots including free throws and need to listen more to our coaches."

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Garcia 7, Roberto Araux 5, and Tanner Black 4. The Bulldogs played at home again on December 13 when they hosted Quinter.