

MS Boys Play Last Regular Season Game By McKinzie Horobik

The Golden Plains Middle School Boys Basketball teams played their last regular season game against the Weskan Coyotes on Thursday, February 3, in Rexford. The B-team boys lost a hard fought game 4-8 in overtime. The A-team also fell to the Coyotes with a score of 23-36.

The B-team boys played half a game with played a close first quarter. Sixth graders Manuel Holguin and Cristian Garcia each had 2 points in the first quarter, while the Coyotes only put in 2 for a 4-2 lead for the Dogs.

To start the final quarter, the Bulldogs played aggressive on defense. The boys allowed Weskan to only score 2 points while not being able to score anything. When the buzzer went off the score was tied 4-4 sending them to overtime.

For overtime, the Dogs were attempting to put up shots, but none would fall. Weskan scored 4 more points for the 8-4 win. "We have to work on listening to the coach and not rushing our free throws," said Tanner Todd-6th grade "but we did well on defense." The B-Team finished their season with a 2-7 record.

For the last game of the night, the A-team boys also lost to the Coyotes. The Dogs had a hard time putting the ball in the basket with the only first quarter point coming from Dylan Wark with a free throw. The Coyotes put in 6 for a 6-1 lead.

The Dogs started to pick up the pace in the second quarter putting in 10 coming from Diego Perez and Wark with 4 a piece and Tanner Black with 2. Weskan added another 12 in the second. The scoreboard read 11-18 with the Bulldogs trailing at halftime.

The Dogs played hard and had better defense in the second half. Aggressive on both sides of the ball, the Bulldogs held the Coyotes to 7 while scoring 5 of their own in the third. Weskan outscored the Dogs 11-7 again in the fourth to win the game 36-23.

Game points for the Bulldogs came from Perez 13, Wark 7, Black 2, and Zeke Weiner 1. "We need to work on offense and relax after a bad play," said Roberto Araux-7th grade, "but we did do very well on defense." The A-team boys enter the WKLL tournament with a 6-5 record and will play Wheatland/Grinnell in the first round on February 10 in Colby.