

## Middle School Boys Set Record to Win Northern Valley Invitational By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School boys set two new school records in the first meet of the season as they scored 97 points to win the Northern Valley Invitational Track Meet in Logan on April 14. They finished 2 points ahead of second place Northern Valley.

Eighth grader Dylan Wark set two school records. He set a new record of 15.42 in the 100m hurdles placing second at the meet. He broke the record of 16.4 set in 1975 by Tim Austin. "Congratulations Dylan!" said Austin. "Records are goals to achieve, to test one's self as a measure against those who precede us. Records are meant to be broken and mine apparently stood for too long. Well done. Best wishes for continued success in life and for conquering old records and new goals."

He also set a new school record of 2:21.1 in the 800m run for first place. He broke the record of 2:21.4 set by Jeremy Hunter in 2006. "That's awesome! Good for him!" said Hunter. "I hope he continues to improve throughout high school." Wark also placed third in the 200m hurdles running a 32.37 and third in high jump at 4' 8." "I had been planning to set records since last year," said Wark. "I'm glad I got it at the first meet. I hope to improve on my times and distances as the season progresses."

Also performing extremely well was eighth grader Diego Perez. Perez placed first in all four of his events including Long Jump-16' 9", Triple Jump-34' 5.5", 1600m-5:32, and 400m-1:02.2. "It felt good to win all four events," said Perez. "It was a great way to start the season. I am glad I was able to contribute to our team win. We were behind when I started the mile—this helped me push myself for the win. I am ready for the next meet. I am aiming to break the long jump and triple jump records."

Seventh grader Roberto Araux placed in several events including second in the 100m hurdles-19.21, fourth in the 200m hurdles-33.25, and sixth in the 200m dash. "Roberto fell in the 200m hurdle but got back up and finished the race," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "His determination gave us the extra points we needed to win the meet."

Ezekiel Weiner, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, also contributed points to the Bulldogs win. He placed third in the 1600m-6:07.4 and fourth in the 800m run-2:49.7. Tanner Black added points with a third place finish in the 400m-1:06.8.

The Bulldogs next meet will be at the Rawlins County Invitational in Atwood on April 21.