

MS Boys Win League Again! By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School boys won the Western Kansas Liberty League Track Championship for the second year in a row in Logan on May 12. The boys scored 106 points to slip past Wheatland/Grinnell in second place with 100.

Eighth grader Diego Perez won the league championship in all four of his events while setting records in several of them. He set a PR of 58.41 in the 400m for first place, won the 1600m with a 5:25.79 run, and placed first in both Long Jump (14' 6.5") and Triple Jump (36' 5.75").

Also claiming a championship was Dylan Wark, 8th grade, who won the 800m with a 2:13.63 run. This was another new school record for Wark in this event. He set the school record at the first meet of the season, then set it again at both Hill City and Quinter, and for the fourth time this year at this league meet. Wark placed second in the 200m Hurdles with a 32.20 run. He set the school record in this event at the Rawlins County meet early this season and set it again at the Logan Invitational at 27.97. In the 100m hurdles, Wark placed third at 15.70. He had set the school record of 15.42 at the Northern Valley Invitational to start the season. Wark also placed third in high jump with a 4' 10" jump.

Ezekiel Weiner, 8th grade, ran 3200m in 13:40.68 for second place. Weiner has scored points for the Bulldogs in this event at each meet he ran in this year. He ran the 800m in 2:57.48 for 8th and was a member of the sixth place 4 x 100m relay team with Tannor Todd, Cristian Garcia, and Tanner Black running 1:03.63. Eighth grader Tanner Black set a PR of 32' 5.25" for fourth in Triple Jump and a PR of 28.60 for sixth in the 200m dash. He ran the 400m in 1:08.10 finishing 9th.

Seventh grader Roberto Araux has shown consistent improvement all season and continued to do that at league. He set a PR of 59.17 for second in the 400m and another PR of 27.20 for third in 200m. His PR of 18.50 placed him fifth in 100m hurdles and he ran 33.50 for third in 300m hurdles. Javier Romero, 7th grade, set a PR of 58' 6" in Discus and sixth grader Cristian Garcia set a PR of 23' 0" in Shot Put.

Additional results include 100m-Romero 20.90; Shot Put-Romero 19' 8", Tannor Todd 15' 11.5"; Discus-Garcia 45' 6"; Long Jump-Todd 8' 4"; Weight Throw-Weiner 119' 4", Garcia 101' 7", Todd 84' 6".

The middle school boys completed their season having won three of their seven meets this season and placing in the top four of the other meets. The four eighth graders should all contribute at the high school level next year.