

## Third Time's the Charm for Cougars By Judy Rogers

The Bulldogs from Golden Plains lost their final game of the regular season 37-46 to the Cheylin Cougars on February 6 in McDonald. The 'Dogs had defeated the Cougars twice earlier in the season, but were unable to take them on their home floor.

The 'Dogs got off to a great start in the first with a 10-6 lead over the Cougars. They were only able to get six points to fall in the second as the Cougars added 15 to claim the half time lead 21-16.

"We were able to jump on them quick," said junior Brett Gerbitz, "but when the momentum switched, we couldn't seem to calm down."

The Cougars continued to outscore the 'Dogs in the third 12-7, but the 'Dogs held on to add 14 in the fourth. The Cougars maintained their lead by adding 13 to win this third contest with the 'Dogs.

Brett Gerbitz sank three 3-pointers for 9 points for the Bulldogs. AJ Camacho, Kade Wessel, and Koi Wessel each added 7. Jacob Ritter had a fourth quarter 3 along with 2 each from Nick Brown and Dawson Spresser.

The Bulldogs enter the Sub-State Tournament on March 3 in Grainfield with a 9-11 record. As a #3 seed, they will face the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks in the semi-final round.