

## Boys Take Home Two Wins From The Preseason Tournament By Maddy Walz

The Golden Plains Middle School A-team boys began their season in Brewster at the annual Preseason Tournament on November 13 and 14 with two wins. They played Triplains/Brewster in their first game and Northern Valley in their second game. "It felt good to start with two wins," 7<sup>th</sup> grader Wade Rush commented on the exciting events.

In their first game against Triplains/Brewster on Friday, the 'Dogs came out a little lackadaisical ending the first quarter with a close score of 8-8, tied with the Titans. Colby Lathrop contributed 2 points and Wade Rush scored 6 points for the Bulldogs.

During the second quarter, Joseph Yanaz and Wade Rush scored 7 more points for the 'Dogs, making the score 15-12 at half time. The boys continued to work hard on defense in the second half to add 15, but held the Titans to 11 to come out with the win, 30-23. Second half points were scored by Rolis Loya-1, Toby Korte-4, Joseph Yanaz-2, Wade Rush-5, and Austin Patmon-3.

On Saturday, the boys took on Northern Valley. The Bulldogs came out hotter than ever, outscoring the Huskies 13-8. Northern Valley stepped up their defense in the second quarter allowing the 'Dogs only 5 points, while they scored 4. The half time score was 18-12. Coming out a little slow, the Bulldogs were outscored 6-7 in the third. Redeeming themselves, the 'Dogs stomped the Huskies in the fourth, adding 13 to the scoreboard. The Bulldogs went 2-0 with an ending score of 37-21. Scoring for the Bulldogs were Rolis Loya-2, Toby Korte-2, Joseph Yanaz-5, Colby Lathrop-5, Wade Rush-15, and Austin Patmon-8.

"We passed the ball well, and overall played very good," added Rush, "We made some shots we usually wouldn't make." Coach Russ Aumiller also stated, "I am very proud that everyone contributed to the win." The Bulldogs will show off their skills again at home on November 19 for their first home game.