GPMS Battles Against the Coyotes By Gabrielle Schiltz

The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball teams competed against the Weskan Coyotes for the last regular season games on February 5 in Rexford.

The B-team boys started out the game scoring two points and letting the Coyotes also score two points. The Coyotes then outscored the Bulldogs in the second quarter making the score 9-5 in favor of the Coyotes before going into halftime.

"After coming out of halftime we were ready to get some stops and play tough defense," said Ashton Schiltz. "The game was very competitive and exciting." The 'Dogs outscored the Coyotes 5-4 in the third, but fell short before the final buzzer, ending the game 16-19. Roberto Loya led the game with 6 points. Other scorers were Alex Gonzales- 4, Ashton Schiltz- 3, Wyatt McDonald- 2, and Jovanny Infante with one point.

The A-team game started out going back and forth on the court with each team putting in baskets. The first quarter ended with a tied score of 7 with all the Bulldog points coming from Austin Patmon. The Bulldogs outscored the Coyotes in the second quarter 11-4 making the score 18-11 going into halftime.

The Bulldogs were not ready to back down only letting the Coyotes score 5 points in the third quarter while the 'Dogs added 6. Trailing 16-24 at the end of the third, Weskan didn't let up as they outscored GPMS in the fourth quarter 15-6. The final score was 30-31 in favoe of the Coyotes. Austin Patmon finished the game with 16 points along with 13 from Wade Rush and a free throw from Joseph Yanez. The Bulldogs finish their season at the WKLL Tournament in Brewster on February 11.