

MS 'Dogs Finish Winning Season at League By Judy Rogers

The A-team boys from Golden Plains finished their winning season at the WKLL tournament in Brewster on February 11 with a hard fought 30-35 loss to Northern Valley in the opening round of the tournament.

The Bulldogs had faced the Huskies a couple of times earlier in the season defeating them in both the preseason tournament and the regular season. "Unfortunately we were out rebounded by the Huskies the third time around," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "We gave up too many second chance points by not rebounding on the defensive end of the court. We are limited with just five players suiting up for the game. Thus, we did not play as aggressive as we normally do."

Wade Rush scored 11 points for the Bulldogs in this final game of the season. Austin Patmon added 9, Colby Lathrop-3, and Toby Korte-2. Rounding out the team with great defense was Joseph Yanez.

The Bulldogs ended their season above .500 with a record of 7 wins and 5 losses. Many of those losses were very close including an overtime game with Cheylin and a one-point loss to Weskan.

"We started the season good," said Austin Patmon of their two wins in the preseason tournament. "It was an exciting season because we won a lot of games." Colby Lathrop echoed his excitement of the preseason success because "it showed us who we are." "It was fun to play," added Toby Korte.

The boys faced some challenges including shooting, turning the ball over, and playing as a team. They faced those challenges by working on their drills in practice and continuing to play as a team. The eighth graders look forward to playing in high school next year and improving their game. The seventh graders also look forward to improving next season and advancing in the league tournament.