MS Boys Compete in First Meet By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School boys track team competed in their first track meet of the season on April 10 in Atwood at the Rawlins County Invitational. They scored 57 points as a team for fifth place. "We did well as a team," said Coach Russ Aumiller, "especially for our first meet of the season."

Eighth grader Roberto Loya won the 3200m run with a time of 11:53.39 and placed third in the 400m dash with a time of 1:04.42. "It was a good meet," said Loya. "I didn't think I could win against the tough competition. I hope to breakt he school record this year."

Loya also scored for the Bulldogs with a sixth place finish in the 100m hurdles at 20.21 and ran with teammates Fabian Cepeda, Jesus Monge, and Jovanny Infante for second place in the $4 \times 400m$ relay at 4:36.10.

Cepeda finished the 800m in 2:43.15 for fourth place followed by Infante in fifth at 2:46.27. Monge placed 8^{th} out of the 24 runners at 2:52.56. He also ran the 1600 placing fifth at 5:48.69.

Sixth grader Tayten Barnett ran the 400m in 1:09.04 for sixth place and ran the 200m hurdles in 39.38. Alex Gonzalez ran the 200m hurdles in 36.94. Just missing out on points in 7^{th} place of the 4 x 200m relay were Wyatt McDonald, Garrett Carter, Ashton Schiltz, and Mason Green running a 2:22.30. The 4 x 100m relay was run by Memo Aragon, Jerrit Koerperich, Will Bruggeman, and Blake Durham in 1:21.39.

Running the 100m were Wyatt McDonald 15.52, Jerrit Koerperich 19.02, Blake Durham 21.54, and Will Bruggeman 22.24. The 200m race was run by Tayten Barnett, Garrett Carter, BJ Rogers, and Memo Aragon but times were not available.

Joshua Yanez-Perez ran the 400m in 1:34.16, the 800m in 3:05.87, and the 1600m in 6:59.98. Durham ran the 400m Durham in 2:02.41 and Mason Green ran the 1600m in 7:05.13.

In field events, Garrett Carter placed sixth in shot put throwing 32' 0" with Ashton Schiltz throwing 30' 11" for 7^{th} out of 29 throwers. Wyatt McDonald threw 26' 8" along with Jerrit Koerperich throwing 23' 4" in his first track meet as a sixth grader.

Carter also placed sixth in Discus at 77' 6". Schiltz again just missed points in 8^{th} place out of 29 competitors at 74' 2.5". BJ Rogers threw the disc 57' 0" and Memo Aragon threw 34' 5".

High Jumpers at this meet were Jovanny Infante at 4'4" placing 7th. Cepeda jumped 3' 10" as did Mason Green. Alex Gonzalez placed fifth in long jump at 14' 9.25". Green long jumped 10' 4.25" with Rogers jumping 8' 2.5". Gonzalez also placed fourth in triple jump at 32' 10.25". Infante triple jumped 29' 7.75" and Cepeda jumped 28' 11.5".

The Bulldogs will compete in their second meet of the week on Thursday, April 12 at the Northern Valley Invitation in Logan.