

MS Boys Improve at Hill City

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School boys continued to improve their times and distances on the track and field as they competed in Hill City on April 22. The 6th and 7th grade competed together for 32 points and the 8th grade scored 25. "I was pleased with how we performed as a team," said Marshall Dirocco, 8th grade. "We were all able to do a lot more than we thought we could. We got along well and decided this was the day to get it done."

Dirocco placed in all four of his events including second place in the 200m hurdles (30.62), tied for second place in high jump (5' 2"), placed third in the 400m run (1:03.23), and fourth in the 100m hurdles (18.62). "I want to improve myself for the team," added Dirocco, "and get ready for whatever comes next."

Also competing for the Bulldogs on the 8th grade team was Mason Green. Green ran the 400m in 1:17.56 and cleared the 200m hurdles in 36.73. He high jumped 4' 8" and long jumped 12' 2.75".

The seventh grade boys posted several personal records in events as they performed. Landon Meier placed in two of his events including second in the 800m run with a PR time of 2:40.25 and in the 1600m run with a time of 6:15.61. He also posted a PR in long jump of 12' 8.5".

Sixth grader Owen Patmon followed Meier across the finish line of the 1600m run in third place with a time of 6:51.08 and placed sixth in the 800m at 3:07.84. He ran the 200m in 33.05 and long jumped 11' 2.5".

The 4 x 100m relay team of Josh Rath, Jerrit Koerperich, Will Bruggeman, and Abe Taylor scored with a sixth place run of 1:16.07.

Jerrit Koerperich improved his distance in the shot put to 28' 7.5" for fourth place and threw the discus 52' 5". Will Bruggeman set a PR in both the shot put (21' 9.5") and the discus (67' 7"), just missing out on points.

Josh Rath jumped 26' 0" for a PR in triple jump and set a PR of 12' 11" in long jump. Dominic Stout set a PR in the 200m of 40.02, ran the 100m in 18.51, and the 400m in 1:36.33. Abe Taylor ran the 800m in 3:39.82, long jumped 8' 6", and threw the discus 37' 2". The boys will compete again in Quinter on April 26.