

MS Boys Win by One in Overtime

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The Golden Plains Middle School Boys basketball team won a close game over the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks in Rexford on January 25. The A-Team went into overtime where the Dogs defeated the Hawks 37-36.

The Hawks opened the game with a 4-point lead before Ruxin Arnberger hit a couple of threes to tie the game up at 6. Cristian Garcia hit a couple of shots as the Hawks continued to score and hold a 13-11 lead over the Dogs at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs hit for 8 in the second quarter as the defense held the Hawks to 4. The Dogs headed to the locker room at the half with a 19-17 lead. Each team added 4 in the third quarter allowing the Dogs to hang onto the lead 23-21.

The fourth quarter was a tense, close one as the teams continued to work hard. The Dogs pulled ahead 29-21 but the Hawks fought their way back. The Dogs were up by 2 with just over a minute to play. Tannor Todd made a free throw as the clock wound down for a 3 point Bulldog lead. As the buzzer sounded, the Hawks hit a three to tie the game and send it into overtime at 34-34.

Midway through the OT, the Hawks made a shot for a 2 point lead. With less than a minute, Arnberger hit a free throw. With 13.6 seconds remaining, he went to the line and made two more. The Hawks took over possession but were unable to score as the Bulldogs won 37-36.

Ruxin Arnberger hit for 14 points for the Bulldogs. Cristian Garcia and Adam Ritter each added 8 with Tannor Todd scoring 7.

The B-Team boys had played earlier in the afternoon. They were unable to score in the first quarter while the Hawks put up 10. The Dogs came back in the second with 11 holding the Hawks to 4. The Dogs again could not find the basket in the third while the Hawks pushed in 12. The Dogs added another 8 in the final quarter but the Hawks shot another 12. The final score was 38-19 in favor of Grinnell/Wheatland.

Arnberger scored another 14 in the B-team game along with 2 from Blake Horobik and a 3 from Juan Garcia. The Dogs played at home again on February 1 when they hosted Weskan for their final home game of the season.