

Bulldogs End Season at Sub-State By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains boys basketball team ended their season with a 25-64 loss to the Cheylin Cougars in the quarter-final round of Sub-State in McDonald on February 24.

The Cougars jumped on the Bulldogs early in the game gaining a 15-5 lead by the end of the first. The Dogs added 10 in the second but the Cougars put in 17 for a 32-15 half time lead.

The Dogs could only get 5 to fall in both the third and fourth quarters as the Cougars pushed through for the win 64-25 ending the season for the Dogs.

Miguel Garcia led the Bulldogs with 12 points while Dylan Wark put in 5. Dominic Stout scored 3, Owen Patmon 2, Josh Rath 2, and Maddix Green 1. Dominic Stout led the Bulldogs with 6 rebounds, Will Bruggeman 5, Abe Taylor 4, Wark 3, Rath 3, Green 2, Zeke Weiner 2, Iu Ribera 1, Diego Perez 1, and Miguel Garcia 1. Rath and Patmon each had an assist. Ribera and Rath each had 3 steals, Perez 2, and Stout 1. Wark also had a block with deflections from Ribera 3, Rath 3, Perez 2, Stout 1, and Wark 1.

The Bulldogs finished their season with a record of 2-19 with their only wins coming over St. Francis. The team consisted mostly of freshmen and sophomores with a few juniors and no seniors so will have nearly every player returning next season. Two of the three junior players, Iu Ribera and Abraao Alencar, will be returning to Spain and Brazil over the summer.

Freshman Dylan Wark led the team with 208 points, 107 rebounds, 59 deflections, 42 steals, and 18 assists. Sophomore Owen Patman added 106 points 47 rebounds, 25 steals and 14 assists. Sophomore Josh Rath contributed 84 points, 59 rebounds, 32 steals, and 16 assists.

Sophomore Abe Taylor scored 41 points 63 rebounds, 3 steals, and led the team with 19 assists. Sophomore Miguel Garcia put in 40 points and grabbed 41 rebounds, along with 4 steals and 3 assists. Junior Will Bruggeman had 29 points, 79 rebounds, 9 steals, 4 blocks, and 5 assists. Junior Iu Ribera put in 29 points, had 71 rebounds, 16 steals, and 17 assists. He also led the team with 5 blocks. Sophomore Dominic Stout had 20 points, 44 rebounds, 4 steals, and 5 assists.

Freshman Diego Perez put in 20 points, 44 rebounds, 11 steals, and 5 assists. Freshman Zeke Weiner totaled 5 points, 18 rebounds, 4 steals, and 8 assists. Freshman Maddix Green had 1 point, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Freshman Tanner Black had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Junior Abraao Alencar had 1 rebound and 1 steal on the varsity team.

“I am proud of the growth of our team over the course of the season,” said Head Coach Ed Weiner. “No matter the situation, the boys played hard and never quit which shows great heart.”

With most of the team returning and a few new freshmen next year, the coach and team members look forward to building on this year’s growth. “Our goal next season is to have a winning record and play better as a team,” said Will Bruggeman—the only returning senior next year. “We got a lot better this year and should continue to improve. We had a tough schedule and have the ability to play with that level of competition. We just need to put together four good quarters.”

“I am anxiously looking forward to next season as I believe we built a solid foundation for future growth,” added Coach Weiner. “I believe that we will be a much improved team next year due to the players’ hard work and we will return all of our starters. The incoming freshman class will provide the team with additional potential for development.”