

## MS Boys Get Another Win By KayCee Miller

The Bulldogs of Golden Plains Middle School won a close A-team game at home with a last second shot against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats 39-37 on January 19 in Rexford. The Bobcats jump to a 0-9 lead in a fast-paced first quarter before Wade Rush answered with a bucket.

The Bulldogs then add another 14 points—all from Rush, while WP/H added 8 going into half time with the Bobcats holding a slight lead 17-16. With the Bulldogs down by one starting the third quarter, the boys worked to add 11 points while they held WP/H to scoring 10 to tie the game up at 27.

The boys came out strong in fourth quarter with solid defense and moved the ball on offense. The Bobcats tied the game with 30.6 seconds left on the clock as their coach called a timeout to set up his game plan. The ‘Dogs work the ball around but with just 7.2 seconds remaining, the game remained tied.

Just as it looked like the game was headed to overtime, the Bulldogs found Rush who added a final basket to win the game 39-37. Wade Rush finished the game with 36 of the Bulldogs 39 points. “It was very exciting hitting the last shot to give us the win,” said eighth grader Rush “This is also a new scoring personal record for me.” Kole Butts made the other 3 with a third quarter shot.

The B team boys fell short against the Bobcats earlier in the day. In the first quarter the ‘Dogs came out strong and put up 6 points while the Bobcats could only score 4. They kept working hard and added 4 for the second quarter going into halftime down by one. “We moved the ball well against their good defense,” said seventh grader Fabian Cepeda.

The boys got fired up coming out of halftime scoring 6 more points while holding the Bobcats to 2. In the fourth quarter the ‘Dogs found it harder to stop the Bobcats, giving up 14 points to lose the game 16-27. Scoring came from Alex Gonzalez 10, Fabian Cepeda 4, and Wyatt McDonald 2. The Golden Plains Bulldogs’ next game will be on January 26 in Grinnell.