

## MS Boys Win One Against The Cougars By Ashley Stoll

The Golden Plains Middle School boys played their first games of 2018 in McDonald on January 4. They took on the Cheylin Cougars for the first time this season. The A-Team boys won their first game of the year 34-26. The B-Team fought hard but lost 27-12.

The B-Team began the game with 6 points in the first quarter, allowing the Cougars to score 10. The Dogs were unable to find the basket in the second quarter going into half-time behind 21-6. During the third quarter they put in 5 more points keeping Cheylin to only one basket. The Bulldogs made a free throw to end the game losing 27-12. Joshua Yanez led on the scoreboard with 5, followed by Jesus Monge with 3, and both Mason Green and Will Bruggeman with 2.

The A-Team started the game with a close first quarter. The Bulldogs were behind 10-7. The 'Dogs fought back in the second quarter with 4 points from Ashton Schiltz, 3 from Alex Gonzalez, and 2 from both Fabian Cepeda and Roberto Loya. They went into half trailing by 1, 19-18.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs took the lead. They added 8 going into the fourth, 26-24. During the fourth, the boys put in 8 more and held the Cougars to only one basket. To win 34-26. "It was exciting to get our first win," said Fabian Cepeda. "Our defense helped us to get the win." Points were contributed by Fabian Cepeda 13, Ashton Schiltz 12, Alex Gonzales 7, and Roberto Loya 2.

The boys scored the most points in a game that they have all season, even after only having one practice before their first game back. "It was good to get a win," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "They earned it." The Bulldogs travel to Western Plains to take on Western Plains/Healy on January 18.