

GPHS Boys Fall to Cheylin By Morgan Ritter

Golden Plains High School Basketball Teams lost a close game to the Cougars of Cheylin on Tuesday, January 17, in Rexford.

In the first quarter of play, the varsity boys took control of the game right from the start. Senior Brett Gerbitz put in a basket and a three to help the Bulldogs pull to a quick lead. Senior Nick Brown contributed two points, and sophomores Nolan Ritter and Jacob Ritter each did their part by adding in a basket. The Bulldogs ended the first quarter ahead of the Cougars, 11-5.

The Bulldogs came out in the second quarter prepared to hold their ground and work to maintain their lead on the Cougars. Cheylin proved themselves and were able to put up 17 points on the scoreboard, while the 'Dogs were only able to put up 5. Brown and N. Ritter dished out two points apiece, and Gerbitz added a free-throw. The Bulldogs went into halftime trailing Cheylin 16-22.

Returning back onto the court to begin the third quarter, the Bulldogs had hopes to make up the difference on the scoreboard and regain control of the game. Senior Dawson Spresser contributed four points, and his brother, sophomore Dylan Spresser, added two points to the scoreboard. The 'Dogs were able to hold the Cougars to only 11 points in the third quarter, making the score 22-33 heading into the final quarter of play.

"As our confidence built up through the first quarter, we let ourselves lose control of the game," said senior Dawson Spresser, "but we were able to come back and finish the game strong." The Bulldogs were able to take control of the fourth quarter as both teams entered the double bonus, outscoring the Cougars 18-13. Seniors Dawson Spresser and Brett Gerbitz helped out with six points apiece, while Brown and N. Ritter each added three.

The Bulldogs fell short on the scoreboard, losing 40-46 to the Cougars bring their season record to 2-7. Gerbitz lead the team with 12 points, Dawson Spresser-10, Brown-7, N. Ritter-7, Dylan Spreser-2, and J. Ritter-2. The Bulldogs will travel to Weskan on January 20 and then to Quinter on January 24.