

## MS 'Dogs Score in First Meet By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Boys Track Team scored well in their first meet of the season in Tribune on April 7. The 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade team posted 51 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys placed third with 76 points.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys only had three 8<sup>th</sup> graders competing for the Bulldogs—Wade Rush, Rolis Loya, and Toby Korte—but had some help from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the relays.

Rush finished in first place in all three of his throwing events including the softball throw at 217', the Discus at 130' 6" and Shot Put with a throw of 40' 10.75" beating last year's best throw by over two feet. Rush was also a member of the first place Medley Relay with a time of 2:08.69 along with team members Roberto Loya, Fabian Cepeda, and Rolis Loya. "It felt pretty good to win all three of my throwing events at this first meet," said Rush. "Nearly everyone placed in at least one event."

Loya also placed in his events as he finished third in the 1600m run with a time of 5:54.23 beating last year's best time by nearly six seconds. He ran the 100m hurdles in 21.8 seconds to place sixth, and placed fourth in the 200m hurdles running 42.08.

Korte placed second in the softball throw at 147'5", fourth in discus with a 98'6" throw, and sixth in Shot Put at 27' 11". He also ran the 800m in 2:54.06 for third place.

Although all relays were scored in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division, sixth and seventh graders ran the other two races. The 4 x 200m relay was run by Alex Gonzalez, Mason Green, Jesus Monge, and Fabian Cepeda in 2:18.00 for fourth place points. Running the 4 x 100m relay were Wyatt McDonald, Fabian Cepeda, Garrett Garter, and Ashton Schiltz with a time of 1:06.97.

The 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade division had several athletes claiming medals and points. Roberto Loya placed first in the 1600m run (5:41.71) beating last years time by over 20 seconds, second in the 100m (14.25) and in the 800m (2:38.37).

Alex Gonzalez claimed first place in the triple jump (30' 3"), third in the long jump (14'4"), and fifth in high jump (4' 0"). Shot put points were scored by Ashton Schiltz in 4<sup>th</sup> place (27' 5") and Garrett Carter in fifth (26' 5.25"). Jesus Monge added a point by placing sixth in the 800m with a time of 3:14.26. He just missed scoring in the 100m hurdles with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish of 33.64. Schiltz also just missed out in discus with a 7<sup>th</sup> place throw of 71'9".

Wyatt McDonald ran the 100m in 15.56 with Mason Green running it in 17.98. McDonald finished the 200m in 38.57 followed by Green at 40.75. Carter finished out the events with an 80' 3" softball throw.

The boys will have an opportunity to refine their techniques as they compete twice the following week at Rawlins County on Tuesday and the Northern Valley Invitational on Thursday. "Our goal is to win at least one of our meets," added Rush, "and to place at league."