

Middle School Scholars Bowl Competes at League

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The Golden Plains Middle School Scholars Bowl teams competed in the WKLL League meet on February 14 in Winona. The 8th grade team, consisting of Elizabeth Weiner, Cristian Garcia, Takoda Cline, Lakin Wark, Briella Knowles, and Ben Masoner placed 4th, and the 7th grade team consisting of Alicia Vargas, Koen Schaben, Jade Dible, Jemma Juenemann, and Brandon Karnes finished in 7th place.

The 8th grade team ended the day with a record of 3-3 to pick up their 4th place medal. The first round they faced off against the Northern Valley Huskies where they struggled to answer questions, and lost with a score of 20-70. The next round, they found their groove and picked up a win over Triplains 50-30. After this round, the Bulldogs kept their momentum and got their second win over Western Plains with a score of 70-50.

In the next round, the Bulldogs faced off against the Cheylin Cougars. They went in confident after their previous wins and defeated the Cougars 80-20, giving them a record of 3-1 which was enough to send them to the semi-final round where they lost to Heartland Christian 0-110. In their final consolation round, they lost by 30 to Wheatland Grinnell 0-30. "I felt like league went surprisingly well," said Takoda Cline, "I'm super excited to do scholars bowl in high school next year!"

The 7th grade team ended their day with a record of 2-2, enough for a 7th place finish. Their first round was also against the Northern Valley Huskies, where they struggled to get a good start and fell 10-80. The Dogs' next round against Triplains was more successful, where they picked up their first win 50-20. They kept the momentum going in their next round against Western Plains, winning with a final score of 50-10.

In their final round of the day, the Dogs faced the Cheylin Cougars. They gave it all they had, but fell short with a final score of 20-30. This gave them a 2-2 record for the day and a 7th place finish at the meet. "We did well for the most part, but could have done better at buzzing in sooner," said Jade Dible. "My favorite part was going to meets with the team." The teams will finish their season with a rescheduled meet at Heartland Christian on February 26.