

JV Boys Win a Close One By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys won a close game 47-46 over the Weskan Coyotes in Rexford on January 19. **“It was a fun game to play,” said Colby Lathrop. “It shows us we can compete in a close game.”**

The boys played a close game throughout all four quarters of play. They opened with 7 straight points from sophomore Jaime Infante. Another basket by freshman Kole Butts gave the Bulldogs a 9-2 lead. The Coyotes answered and led 10-9 at the end of the quarter.

The boys worked hard on both offense and defense in the second with the Coyotes holding the lead 17-15 at the half.

The Bulldogs tied it up to start the third with a bucket by Colby Lathrop. He and Infante together added 16 points to the Bulldog scoreboard but the Coyotes answered each shot pulling ahead 34-31 by the end of the quarter.

The game was not near over as both teams fought on to the end in what was called a “barnburner” by the Bulldog fans. The Bulldogs spent much of the fourth on the free throw line, making about half their shots. With over five minutes remaining in the game, senior Jeron Schutte put the ‘Dogs in the lead 39-38.

The Coyotes hit two of their own free shots to regain the lead. Another free shot by Lathrop tied the game back up at 40. Another shot by Austin Patmon gave the ‘Dogs the lead once again, but the Coyotes were determined and pulled ahead 44-41 with 2 ½ minutes to play.

Schutte closed the spread and Infante added a three-point play for the lead. The Coyotes tied it back up at 46 with under a minute to go. Junior Miguel Monge made the first of two free throws to give the Bulldogs the lead. With 5.6 seconds to play, Weskan had the ball but turned it over to the Bulldogs. Monge hit a last second shot at the buzzer but it was not counted as the Bulldogs won the game 47-46.

“From the first game to this game we are playing better as a team,” said Austin Patmon. “The St. Francis game was a turning point for us.” “We came away from that game proud of what we accomplished and more confident,” added Lathrop.

Infante finished the game with 24 points for the Bulldogs. Jeron Schutte added 9 and Colby Lathrop 8. Austin Patmon scored 3, Kole Butts 2, and Miguel Monge 1. Contributing to the win on the defensive end and with assists were Rojelio Loya and Josh Spresser.

The JV boys now have two wins on the season and look forward to adding to those wins on January 23 when they host Quinter for another full game.