

JV Boys Play Close With Heartland  
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys played a close game against Heartland Christian school in Rexford on January 16. The Dogs stayed with the Crusaders throughout the game, but despite a 19 point fourth quarter, lost the game 36-39.

With tough defense on both sides of the ball, the Crusaders made the first basket midway through the first. The Dogs answered with a basket from Toby Korte. The Crusaders pulled ahead but a three and a couple of field goals from Rojelio Loya pulled the Dogs ahead by one. The Crusaders increased the pressure to lead 18-11 at the end of the first half.

Loya and Jovanny Infante added another 6 for the Bulldogs in the third, but the Crusaders extended their lead with 12 additional points. Loya hustled his way to another 11 points in the fourth. A three from Ethan Weiner and Joseph Yanez-Perez along with a basket from Roberto Loya gave the Bulldogs another 19. The Crusaders added 9 to keep the lead and the win 39-36.

“It was a good game for the JV to get some experience with a full game since many of our games have been shortened,” said Rojelio Loya, who finished the game with a career high 20 points. “Coach Scott has helped us improve as a team and as individual players. We keep reviewing our plays and working on our skills. I’m glad I was able to help the team.”

Along with Loya’s 20 points, Jovanny Infante and Toby Korte each added 4 while Ethan Weiner and Joseph Yanez-Perez put in three apiece. The final two came from Roberto Loya. The JV boys will play next on Saturday, January 25, against Wichita County in Leoti for a Saturday afternoon game.