

## JV Boys Play Close Game By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys basketball team played a close game with Quinter in Rexford on January 28 falling to the Quinter Bulldogs 38-41 in a full four-quarter game.

Quinter jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first before Golden Plains hit their first points with a three point basket from Kole Butts. The boys worked together to pull ahead with a steal and pass from Ethan Weiner to Roberto Loya. A final shot from Rojelio Loya gave GP a 13-10 lead at the end of the quarter.

Both teams played tough defense in the second to tie the game up at 20 with two minutes until the half. Roberto Loya stole the ball for a layup to give Golden Plains a 22-20 lead going into the locker room.

Quinter tied the game back up to start the third only to have Butts pull GP back ahead. The game was tied up several times throughout the quarter as the boys traded baskets, but Golden Plains maintained a 31-30 lead going into the fourth.

Quinter added a quick 7 at the beginning of the final quarter before Roberto Loya added 4 for GP. With less than a minute to play, Quinter held a 5 point lead 40-35. Quinter added a final free throw before Rojelio Loya hit a three with 8.4 seconds on the clock. Quinter went to the line with 6 seconds remaining in the game and missed both shots. Golden Plains claimed the rebound but ran out of time before they could get down the floor giving Quinter the 41-38 win.

“We are a small team, so we work better as a team when we press,” said Toby Korte, junior. “Even though we have 2 wins and 6 losses—three of those are by less than 3 points. We don’t give up until the end; we will continue to work together and should get more wins.”

Roberto Loya led the offense with 12 points along with 11 from Kole Butts. Rojelio Loya added 5, Ashton Schiltz 4, Jovanny Infante 4, Fabian Cepeda 1, and Toby Korte 1. The JV team will face off with Triplains/Brewster in Winona on January 31.