

## JV Boys Play Close Game in Winona

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys basketball team played a close game against the Triplains/Brewster Titans in Winona on January 3. After falling behind in the first half, the Bulldogs came back in the second to only lose by two 39-41.

The Bulldogs got off to a slow start in the first quarter with the only points coming from a three by Joseph Yanez-Perez and a free throw from Jovanny Infante. The Titans controlled the quarter with 12 total points.

The Dogs picked up their game and with three baskets from Ashton Schiltz, shots from Kole Butts and Garrett Carter, and another Infante free throw, the Bulldogs added 13. The Titans added 14 and the Dogs trailed 17-26 at the half.

The Dogs stayed steady and strong in the third as they spread the ball around the floor. They outscored the Titans 14-7 narrowing the spread to 31-33. Both teams shot several free throws in the fourth with each team adding 7 to the final 39-41 Titan win.

Ashton Schiltz led the Bulldogs with 10 points while Rojelio Loya added 7, Kole Butts 5, Roberto Loya 5, Joshua Yanez-Perez 4, Alex Gonzalez 3, Jovanny Infante 2, Garret Carter 2, and Toby Korte 1.

“We have gotten better since the beginning of the season,” said Kole Butts. “We are playing more as a team and helping each other out on the court.” The JV squad will support the varsity in the league tournament before returning to the court in Hill City on February 11.