

## Golden Plains Boys Lose Battle of the Bulldogs By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted the Quinter Bulldogs on January 26 in Rexford. Golden Plains lost 26-40 to make their record 6-6 as they prepare for the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament.

The game got off to a slow start as the boys moved the ball around the floor. Quinter hit a three midway through the quarter adding another basket before Golden Plains' Koi Wessel made a free throw. Quinter added another basket, as did Koi to give Quinter a 7-3 lead.

Quinter continued to hit as they pulled ahead by 10 in the second. Kade Wessel finally made a basket and Koi a free throw as Quinter continued to extend their lead 19-6. AJ Camacho hit two three-pointers to close the spread to 19-12 by the half.

The boys continued to play aggressively under the basket as Dawson Spresser dished the ball to Kade Wessel for two. Midway through the third, both Kade and Koi Wessel played with 3 fouls each. A fourth foul on Kade sent Quinter to the line for two. Kade made one more basket before fouling out with over 3 minutes remaining in the third. Nick Brown and Caleb Korte took turns playing underneath, each adding points as Quinter pulled ahead 30-19.

The boys were determined to not give up as they worked their way through the fourth. AJ Camacho made a steal and a basket and Koi Wessel put in two. A basket from Brett Gerbitz put the Golden Plains team within 10. A GP turnover gave the ball to Quinter who extended their score to 40 while a final free throw from Koi finished the game with a 26-40 loss for Golden Plains.

Camacho led the Bulldogs in this low-scoring game with 8 points. Koi Wessel added 7 and Kade Wessel-6. Korte and Gerbitz each scored 2 with a final point from Nick Brown. "We just weren't ready to play," said Kade Wessel. "Our goal is to get back to playing the way we know we can." The Bulldogs will face Weskan in the first round of the WKLL tournament this week.