

## JV Boys Edge Past Quinter By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Boys won a close 29-26 game over Quinter on January 26 in Rexford.

Golden Plains claimed a first quarter lead 8-6 over the Quinter boys with 3-point shots from both Jacob Ritter and Nolan Ritter and a basket from Caleb Korte. The Quinter team answered with 6 in the second, but held GP to 5—all from Korte—giving the hometown Bulldogs a 13-12 lead at half time.

The boys continued to play neck and neck in the second half. The Bulldogs from GP were focused and played with intensity. Quinter hit a three to pull ahead and added a basket to lead by 4. Nick Brown answered for Golden Plains, but another 3 kept Quinter up by 5.

Dylan Spreser played aggressively to make a layup and a free throw to close the gap. Korte tied the game up at 20 with 18 seconds left in the quarter. Quinter was sent to the free throw line, but missed both shots to keep the game tied going into the fourth.

Defense was dominant as the fourth quarter ticked down. Spreser hit a shot to pull the GP team ahead, but Quinter tied it up midway through the quarter. Brett Gerbitz grabbed the ball and drove to the hole to put GP back on top. Korte then pushed the ball down the court to extend the lead.

Quinter came back with 4 straight to tie the game up once again. Golden Plains had the ball with 46 seconds to play when Coach Travis Smith called a time out. Back on the floor, Golden Plains was patient as they moved the ball waiting for their shot.

At the 24-second mark, Gerbitz hit a 3 to put Golden Plains on top. Following another strategic time out, their defense held Quinter away from the basket before they took a last second 3 that bounced off the rim. Golden Plains rebounded the ball and held on for the 29-26 win.

Korte led the Golden Plains Bulldogs with 11 points. Dylan Spreser and Brett Gerbitz each added 5. Jacob Ritter and Nolan Ritter scored 3 apiece and Nick Brown added 2. The JV boys will support the varsity team in the WKLL Tournament before hosting Hill City at home on February 9.