JV Boys Win in Overtime! By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Boys basketball team won their season opener 39-33 in overtime over Weskan in Rexford on December 1. These young boys got off to a slow start but worked their way to tie back to tie the game up at 30. They outscored the Coyotes 9-3 in overtime for the win.

The Coyotes come on strong in the first quarter to gain a 13-0 lead. Near the end of the quarter, Freshman Roberto Araux sank two free throws to end the quarter with the Dogs trailing 2-13.

The Dogs slowing worked their way into the game in the second quarter as sophomore Dylan Wark put in 7 points and junior Miguel Garcia 4. Additional points by Araux gave the Dogs a 15-13 lead. A last second buzzer shot by Weskan tied the game at 15 at the half.

Defense ruled in the third as the Dogs were able to add 5—all by Araux. Defense held the Coyotes to 4, but another last second shot by the Coyotes gave them a 21-20 lead going into the fourth.

Junior Owen Patmon opened the fourth with back-to-back three point shots. Another basket by junior Wyatt Amlong put the Dogs up by 5. The Coyotes worked to pull ahead 30-28, but with 9.3 seconds on the clock, Araux sank two free throws to tie the game and send it into overtime. "High school basketball is much faster than it was in middle school," said Araux. "We did good, but need to learn to move more. It was exciting to win in overtime. We hope to get more wins as the season progresses."

The Bulldogs sank 6 of 7 free throws in the OT and another 3 by Patmon gave the Dogs 39 while the defense held the Coyotes to 3 points to give the Dogs the win 39-33.

Araux led the Bulldogs with 14 points. Patmon added 9, Wark7, Garcia 4, Jose Rios 2, Amlong 2, and Tanner Black 1. The boys shot 72% on free throws throughout the game. They will play their next JV game in Ransom on December 15.