

Bulldogs Play Hill City at Home  
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team hosted the Hill City Ringnecks in Rexford on February 9. The Bulldogs gave it their all but fell to the Ringnecks 40-62.

Senior Wade Rush opened the game along with a basket from junior Ashton Schiltz. Hill City went on a 15 point run before the Dogs could score again with a free throw from junior Alex Gonzalez. The Ringnecks held a 19-5 lead at the end of the first.

Rush again opened the second with a basket. Fabian Cepeda hit a three along with baskets from Jovanny Infante along with Rush and Gonzalez as the Dogs added 13. The Ringnecks stayed strong adding 15 for a 34-18 half time lead.

The Dogs added another 9 in the third quarter as the Ringnecks kept up their rapid pace to add 21 extending their lead to 55-27. The Dogs never gave up and kept working the ball into the lane as they finished the game with 13 in the fourth. The Ringnecks added 7 in the final quarter for the 62-40 win.

“I feel we are still heading in the right direction,” said Roberto Loya, “but we need to push for the whole game and keep our shoulders up. Then I am sure we can get some wins under our belts.”

Wade Rush led the Bulldogs with 17 points. Alex Gonzalez and Fabian Cepeda each added 5. Roberto Loya and Ashton Schiltz contributed 4 apiece. Kole Butts put in 3 and Jovanny Infante 2.

Gonzalez, Schiltz, Infante, Rush and Butts each had 4 rebounds, Loya 3, and Ethan Weiner 1. Gonzalez, Cepeda, and Rush each had 2 assists with 1 apiece from Loya and Infante. Loya had 2 steals along with Infante and Butts with 1 each. Loya also had a block and 5 deflections. Additional deflections came from Cepeda 3, Infante 2, Schiltz 1, and Butts 1.

The Bulldogs continue their season on February 12 as they travel to Grainfield to play the Thunderhawks.