

## GP Girls Bounce Back for the Win By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs came from behind to win a close game 51-47 over the Logan Trojans in Rexford on January 12. "We went through a lot of obstacles," said Maddy Walz of the win. "These close games will help both teams improve as the season progresses."

Freshman KayCee Miller put in the first two buckets for the Bulldogs as the Trojans pulled ahead with 5. Senior Maddy Walz found the basket for three in a row for the Bulldogs. The Trojans answered back with their own shots. A free throw from Kynndra Rush put the Bulldogs behind the Trojans 11-15 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter remained intense as the Bulldogs worked their way to tie the game up at 20 with just over two minutes to the half. The Trojans put in another shot, but Rush answered right back. A couple of free throws once again put the Trojans ahead by two, but KayCee Miller made a layup and an and-one free throw to give the Bulldogs the lead. Another three from KayCee extended the Bulldog lead. Karlee Braun from Logan was then fouled on a three-point shot attempt and went to the line. She made all three to give the Bulldogs a 28-27 lead at half time.

Junior Morgan Ritter made two free shots to start the third. The Trojans worked their way into another lead by the end of the quarter 40-38. The physicality of the game was evident throughout the fourth as both team shot multiple free throws. The girls tied the game back up at 44 with 3 minutes to play.

Rush scored again to regain the lead. Logan then made a free shot and a basket to put them up by one. Senior Kami Miller answered with a steal and a bucket to put the 'Dogs back on top. Miller stole the ball once again and Logan fouled her.

After a time out, Walz captured a rebound only to be fouled again. With under a minute in the game, Kami Miller was the victim of Logan's seventh foul of the half and went to the line for a one and one. She made the first one to put the 'Dogs up by two. Kami stole the ball one more time. KayCee Miller got fouled for another one and one. She made both shots for the Bulldogs final score and the 51-47 win.

KayCee Miller led the game with 19 points for the Bulldogs. Maddy Walz added 14 along with Kynndra Rush-9, Kami Miller-5, Morgan Ritter-2, and Kaylie Schaben-2. The Bulldogs pulled down 28 rebounds claimed by Walz-11, Rush-5, Schaben-3, KayCee Miller-3, Kami Miller-3, and Morgan Ritter-3. Rush had 7 assists while Kami Miller had 6, Walz contributed 2, and Schaben 1. Kami Miller also had five steals while KayCee Miller and Rush each had 1. The Bulldogs hold a 7-1 record after this win. They will host the Palco Roosters on Friday in Rexford.