

GP Girls Work Hard for the Win

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The Lady Bulldogs added another win to their season at home on January 26th against the Quinter Bulldogs. Golden Plains holds an overall record of 10-2 after defeating Quinter 45-36.

The 'Dogs were ready from the start of the tipoff to play strong and aggressive getting a 7-2 lead after senior Maddy Walz put in a basket and extra point at the free throw line. By the end of the first quarter all five of the starters contributed to putting in buckets making the score 17-11.

The second quarter remained intense with Quinter holding the 'Dogs back not letting them score as much as the first quarter. The Bulldogs were not ready to back down making sure their defense was just as strong holding them to six points for the quarter. Kami Miller with a basket and free throw and Walz with two made free throws made the score 22-17 going into halftime.

Junior Morgan Ritter started the third quarter with two quick buckets. The Lady Bulldogs had to play tough defense on the outside with Quinter having multiple girls able to shoot threes. There was a timeout called with less than a minute left to play in the third quarter after the game became a three-point game. The ending score of the third quarter was 28-27.

The beginning of the fourth quarter went back and forth making it a close game. Kynndra Rush was sent to the line making both of her free throws and also putting in another basket shortly after making the lead spread. The Bulldogs were able to keep their lead after being sent to the line several times in the last minutes of the game ending 45-36.

Kynndra Rush led the game with 12 points for the Bulldogs. Maddy Walz added 11 along with Kaycee Miller- 10, Kami Miller- 7, and Morgan Ritter-5. The Lady Bulldogs' five starting players all worked hard from the start to the finish of the game never having any subs on the floor throughout the entire game. "We all knew we were going to have to work hard and not give up with two of our players not being able to play," said Kami Miller. "Before the game started Coach Christensen told us it's going to be a tiring game and to tell ourselves we can be tired when it's over. All game long we all kept encouraging each other and working great as a team." The Lady Bulldogs will start their WKLL Tournament on Thursday, February 4 against the Palco Roosters in Quinter.