

JV Girls Lose Close Game By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV girls played a close game in Almena on January 22 against the Northern Valley Huskies. The Lady Bulldogs held a 5-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Adding another five in the second, they held the Lady Huskies to 3 to maintain a 10-7 lead at half time.

Distributing the ball was a key factor for the girls on offense as they added 16 points in the third. Their defensive skills were tested but they held the Huskies to 8 keeping their lead 26-15.

The Huskies pushed hard in the fourth as Brianna Sammons pumped in 12 points along with another 7 from her teammates. The 'Dogs were held to a basket from Maggi Nieman and two free shots from Carmen Sepulveda as the Bulldogs fell 30-34.

"We had too many unforced turnovers in the final quarter," said Maggi Nieman. "We were playing faster than we needed to." "Once they started scoring on us, we thought we needed to step up our game a little bit," added Amanda Cheney. "We learned that we just need to play **OUR** game."

Nieman finished the game with 8 points. Jennifer Esparza-Luna and Sepulveda each scored 6. Noel Ritter had 5, Sierra Finlay-4, and Amanda Cheney-1. The girls will test their skills again as they play in the JV tournament in Rexford on Saturday.