

JV Girls Win Two in Tournament

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Girls gained some valuable experience as they added two wins in the JV Tournament held in Rexford on January 24. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Triplains/Brewster 41-20 and Weskan 43-18 in this annual tournament.

“We played well as a team,” said Carmen Sepulveda-junior. “We came together after some of our earlier games. We had a lot of energy. We encouraged and supported one another.”

The first game of the day was the Golden Plains vs. Triplains/Brewster girls. The Bulldogs fell behind 5-6 at the start. They bounced back in the second quarter 12-7 to give the Bulldogs a 17-13 lead at the half. The Bulldogs stayed strong in the third adding 11 points while the defense held the Titans to a single basket. The Bulldogs continued to control the game in the fourth as they increased their score by 13, held the Titans to 5, and won the game 41-20.

Junior Carmen Sepulveda turned in a 17 point game along with Maggi Nieman-8, Brittany Fringer-5, Jennifer Esparza-Luna-4, Kaylie Schaben-4, Morgan Ritter-2, and Noel Ritter-1.

Encouraged by their morning win, the Bulldogs took on the Weskan Coyotes in the afternoon. They got off to a good start with 14 points to the Coyotes 2. The girls continued to play aggressively with an additional 14 added in the second. The Coyotes added 4 as the Bulldogs led 28-6 by half.

The Bulldogs found out they could work hard together, make steals and layups, and control the game as they put in another 7 in the third. The Coyotes again only made a single bucket. Finishing the game, the Bulldogs put in six more in the fourth. The Coyotes had their best quarter with 10 as the Bulldogs claimed the win 43-18.

Every girl on the bench scored in the Weskan game including Brittany Fringer-9, Carmen Sepulveda-8, Maggi Nieman-6, Noel Ritter-5, Morgan Ritter-4, Kaylie Schaben-4, Sierra Finlay-3, Amanda Cheney-2, and Jennifer Esparza-Luna-2. “We improved as the day went on,” added Sepulveda. “The younger girls became more confident. It was good to be on the floor for the full games.”

The JV girls, who have played several shortened games due to numbers, advanced their record to 4-4 with the tournament wins. They played another game the following Tuesday against Quinter.