

## Bulldogs Battle At Home By Maddy Walz

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played their first home games of the season on October 15. They gained another win over the Trego Golden Eagles, but fell short to two ranked teams, Wheatland/Grinnell and Dighton.

Golden Plains played the first game of the night against the Golden Eagles. In the first set, it was very close until the Bulldogs took control after a hard kill by Amber Erwin made the score 13-11. They kept on pushing with a 5-point run and came out with the win, 25-18. In the second set, Trego put up a good fight, but the Bulldogs did not get defeated. "I think it showed how much we wanted it since we continued to push all the way until the end," junior Gabrielle Schiltz commented on the game. "The Bulldogs held on for the 26-24 win.

Up next was Golden Plains versus Dighton. This was the first time the two teams faced each other this season. A combination of good passes and hard spikes led the Bulldogs to win the first set, 25-20. The Hornets wouldn't fall easily, though. The Lady Bulldogs struggled to break the serve in the second set, and the Hornets won, 15-25. Going into three sets, the Bulldogs continued to fight hard but fell short to Dighton, 17-25.

The final game of the night was against Wheatland Grinnell. This was the second time the two teams would compete. The Lady Thunderhawks got a comfortable lead on the Bulldogs in the first set 6-11. After Kami Miller went up for a kill, the girls started to make a comeback. The game went back and forth until the Thunderhawks came out with the win, 18-25. In the second set, the Lady Dogs trailed behind for most of it until they got a good run late in the set. The girls battled hard but couldn't quite come out on top, losing 22-25.

"Wheatland and Dighton are both two good teams," Kami Miller commented, "It was good for us to play that competition so that we could see the things that we need to work on." The Lady Dogs will rest up and prepare to take on the League tournament Thursday, October 15 in Grainfield.