

Bulldogs Bring Home Two Wins By Brianna Stoll

On Thursday, January 21, the Golden Plains Middle School Basketball Team traveled to Healy to face the Healy Eagles. There were only A team games that night.

The first game of the night was the A team girls. The Bulldogs came out ready to play, jumping ahead of the Eagles 5-1. Golden Plains' strong defense was a big factor in this game, keeping the Eagles from scoring in the second quarter. They headed into halftime leading 8-1.

Coming back from halftime, the Bulldogs were ready to get back in the game. They came out strong scoring 10 more points, while working hard on defense to once again stop the Eagles. The Bulldogs led going into the fourth quarter 23-1.

During the fourth quarter Head Coach Travis Smith subbed in several new players to finish out the game. These new players were able to hold their ground and keep their strong lead. The Healy Eagles finished strong in the fourth quarter scoring seven more points. Their defense held the Bulldogs to five points. The ending score was a 28-7 win for the undefeated Bulldogs.

"It was great to see my girls back to having fun tonight, and in doing so we kept our undefeated season alive," said Coach Smith. "We have a big game coming up next week." Points in the game were contributed by Karri Schaben-10, Ashley Stoll-6, Kassie Miller-5, Brooke Stoll-4, and Mabel Lugo-3. The Lady Bulldogs now have a record of 9-0.

The second game of the night was the A team boys' game. The Bulldogs came out strong once again, pulling ahead 6-5 against the Eagles. In the second quarter, the Eagles fought hard, but the Bulldogs maintained a 16-13 lead going into halftime.

Coming out on fire after halftime, the Bulldogs kept up their momentum, outscoring the Eagles 6-3. The Healy Eagles worked extra hard in fourth quarter in attempt to catch up, but the Bulldogs kept their cool, defeating the Eagles 31-25. "I'm proud of us for working so hard," commented eighth grader Austin Patmon. "We all chipped in to make sure we went home with a win, and that's all I could ask for from my teammates." Patmon led the offense with 18 points. Wade Rush added 11 and Kole Butts-2. The Bulldogs now have a record of 7-2.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs will host their next games against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks on January 28, starting at 4:00 p.m. with four full games.