

Lady Bulldogs Start Season Off With Two Wins By Brianna Stoll

On Friday, November 13, the Golden Plains Middle School traveled to Brewster to compete in the annual Preseason basketball tournament. Each year the Bulldogs play two games, one on Friday and one on Saturday. This year the A-team girls faced off against Brewster/Triplains and Wheatland/Grinnell.

The Lady Bulldogs played Brewster/Triplains for their first game of the season. The Dogs came out full of momentum, outscoring the Titans 15-4 in the first quarter. Several girls contributed in scoring. Eighth graders Mabel Lugo and Karri Schaben both scored for the Bulldogs. Mabel had 4 points and Karri had 2. Seventh graders Brooke Stoll and Ashley Stoll also helped, with Brooke scoring 6 points and Ashley scoring 2. Sixth grader Kassie Miller also made a free-throw.

During the second quarter, the Bulldogs kept up their game, putting away 10 more points, while the Titans still trailed, adding 6 more points. The score going into half-time was 25-14. The Lady Bulldogs came out after half-time on fire, scoring 10 points. The Lady Titans were held to 2 points by the Bulldogs' strong defense. Lugo and Green both added 2 points, Ashley Stoll had 4 points, and Miller had 2 points.

During the fourth quarter the Lady 'Dogs kept pushing adding 4 more points to their scoreboard, and the Lady Titans scored two more points. Eighth grader Rileigh Korte scored 2 points and Se Ashley Stoll scored 2 points. The final score of the game was 39-10.

"It was nice to win our first game of the season," said Ashley Stoll. "It helped a lot with our nerves, and it made us all really excited for the rest of our season. I think we're going to be very successful."

The Bulldogs played their second game of the tournament against Wheatland/Grinnell on Saturday, November 14. The Bulldogs and Thunderhawks are always competitive, so the Lady Bulldogs were anxious for their game. The Bulldogs used their excitement to their advantage, starting out with a big lead in the first quarter of 8-0. Eighth grader Karri Schaben put in 4 points before having to leave the game due to an ankle injury. Mabel Lugo and Ashley Stoll each scored 2 points.

The Lady 'Dogs quickly adapted to playing with a new guard after Schaben got hurt and made 6 more points before half-time. Their intense defense left the Thunderhawks with 2 points. The score going into half-time was 14-2.

Losing some of their momentum after half-time, the Lady Bulldogs were held to 2 points, while the Thunderhawks worked hard to score 6 points against the 'Dogs. Determined to finish out the tournament with a win, the Lady Bulldogs dug deep and found some extra energy to finish out the fourth quarter with 6 points, and they worked extra hard on defense to keep the Thunderhawks at 2 points. The Bulldogs won their second game 22-10.

"It's always great winning both of our preseason games," exclaimed Schaben. "I'm really proud of how everyone worked together. We all had a lot of fun. I'm really excited for this season. The Lady Bulldogs will host their first regular season game on Thursday, November 19 against Logan starting at 4 p.m.