GPMS Girls Split at Cheylin By Amanda Cheney

The Golden Plains Middle School traveled to McDonald to play the Cheylin Cougars on January 7. The girls ended the night with a 6-17 B-team loss and a 33-19 A-team win.

The B-team girls were not able to score on the Cougars in the first quarter, but their defense held Cheylin to one point. The girls were still unable to make a basket in the second quarter while the Cougars were able to add four to lead at halftime 5-0.

After listening to Coach Smith during halftime, GP improved their offense, scoring three points in the third. The Cougars added another eight. In the fourth quarter, the 'Dogs scored three more points, and Cheylin scored four. GP ended with a loss to Cheylin 6-17.

"We were having trouble getting the ball down the court," said Danica Ritter, seventh-grade. "We definitely need to work on our ball handling and shots." Hannah Bange put in 4 of the Bulldog points with 1 apiece coming from Carli Nieman and Lauren Patmon. The B-team record is now 4-3.

The A-team girls added another win to their undefeated record as they downed the Cougars 33-19. They started off strong in the first quarter outscoring the Cheylin 7-3. GP continued to outscore the Cougars to lead 17-7 at halftime.

Both teams competed hard in the third quarter scoring 8 each, but the 'Dogs were able to hold on in the fourth outscoring the Cougars 8-4 for another Bulldog win. "We stole the ball quite a bit," said Brooke Stoll. "We worked well together and played consistently throughout the game."

Posting up points were Brooke Stoll-12, Ashley Stoll-6, Karri Schaben-6, Mabel Lugo-5, Taryn Fleckenstein-3, and Kassie Miller-1. The A-team remains undefeated with a 7-0. Golden Plains Middle School travelled to Bazine to take on the Western Plains Bobcats on January 11.