

GPMS Girls Add Two Wins By Morgan Ritter

The Golden Plains Middle School Girls Basketball Teams added two more wins to their records when they hosted the Weskan Coyotes on February 5 for the last games of the season before the league tournament.

With the games being moved from Thursday night to Friday morning, the B-Team girls started the day off ready to play. The girls were able to play tough defense to keep the Coyotes from scoring in the first quarter. Baskets from Jaiden Koerperich, Carli Nieman, and Tylor Todd put the 'Dogs in the lead. In the second quarter, the Bulldogs went scoreless, but kept up their intensity. Weskan was able to break through defense, scoring four points.

Coming back from halftime, the Bulldogs stepped up their game. Lauren Patmon, J. Koerperich, and T. Todd added buckets, putting the 'Dogs to a 16-6 lead heading into the final quarter. The Coyotes, in the fourth quarter, were unable to get any basket to fall. After baskets came from Bella Sauvage, C. Nieman, and Rayna Taylor, the Bulldogs were able to win the game, 22-6.

Tylor Todd led the team in scoring with 8, Jaiden Koerperich-4, Carli Nieman-4, Bella Sauvage-2, Lauren Patmon-2, and Rayna Taylor-2.

From the beginning tip, the A-Team girls attacked hard on defense, keeping Weskan scoreless in the first quarter. The Bulldogs were able to add 18 points to the scoreboard. In the second quarter, the 'Dogs continued their hard work on defense and offense. The Coyotes gave Golden Plains 10 points in the second quarter, while the 'Dogs allowed Weskan only 2 points, with a score of 28-2, heading into halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs did not let up in the third quarter, gaining 12 additional points on the scoreboard. The Coyotes were able to put up 4 points on the 'Dogs. In the final quarter, the younger Lady 'Dogs gained some court time. Although unable to get any baskets to fall, the girls' defense kept Weskan to only scoring 2 points. Final score of the game was 40-8.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Mabel Lugo-10, Ashley Stoll-8, Kassie Miller-6, Tylor Todd-6, Brooke Stoll-4, Karri Schaben-4, and Taryn Fleckenstein-2.

"We started the game ready to defend our home court," said Mabel Lugo. "This has been such a fun basketball season, and I'm sad to see it end." The Golden Plains A-team girls remain undefeated at 11-0, heading into the League Tournament as the #1 seed. The B-team girls are 5-5 and the #3 seed. The League Tournament was held on February 11 and 13 in Brewster.