

## Middle School Girls Play at Palco By Morgan Ritter

The Golden Plains Middle School Basketball Girls traveled to Palco on December 3, to take on the Roosters.

In the B-Team, the Lady 'Dogs had a slow start and fell behind the Roosters 0 to 13 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Bulldogs played tough defense to keep Palco from scoring. A basket from sixth grader Morgan Wark and two baskets by Hannah Bange, seventh grade, put Golden Plains on the board, 6-13. The fourth quarter gave the Lady Bulldogs more confidence, scoring 6 more points--four of which came from Carli Nieman, sixth grade, and two from Rayna Taylor, sixth grade. The Roosters were able to break the Bulldogs' defense and score four additional points, winning the game 12 to 17.

"We played not to lose in the first half," said Lauren Patmon, sixth grader, "and played to win in the second half. We should've adjusted earlier in the game so we could've had a chance at the win."

The A-Team girls came out strong to start the game and jumped ahead of Palco, 11 to 2, at the end of the second quarter. Contributing to the lead were Ashley Stoll-1, Karri Schaben-2, Kassie Miller-2, and Mabel Lugo-2. In the second half, the Bulldogs were able to keep up their lead, but allowed Palco to add 11 points to the scoreboard. Scoring in the second half were Lugo with 2 points, Stoll-3, Taryn Fleckenstein-2, and Schaben-2. The Lady Bulldogs won their fifth game of the year, remaining undefeated, 20 to 13.

The Middle School teams take a week off from games while the High School plays at the Castle Rock Classic. They will play again on December 17 in Rexford against the Huskies of Northern Valley before Christmas Break.