JV Girls Finish Season at Home By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Girls basketball team finished their season on their home floor against Northern Valley on February 21. The girls played a close game with the Huskies trailing 10-11 at the end of the first quarter.

A basket from Karri Schaben gave the 'Dogs the lead at the beginning of the second of this 2-quarter game. The Huskies tied it up and regained the lead. The 'Dogs answered to tie it up again at 17.

The Huskies hit a three to pull ahead with just over two minutes to play. Baskets by Candace Taylor and Amanda Cheney regained the Bulldog lead 21-20 with just over a minute left in the game.

The girls battled back and forth for the last minute of their season. With 11 seconds to play, the Huskies got the ball and called a time out. They came back on the floor and put in a free throw to tie the game up at 4.5 seconds.

With just 2.8 seconds on the clock, the Huskies threw the ball in under their basket, put up the shot, and won the game 23-21. "We didn't play as aggressive on defense as we normally do," said Amanda Cheney, sophomore. "We were unable to foul when we needed to at the end of the game." Points were scored for the Bulldogs by Carmen Sepulveda 6, Karri Schaben 5, Amanda Cheney 4, Jennifer Esparza 4, and Candace Taylor 2.

The JV girls end their season with a 6-6 record. "For only playing ½ games most of the season, we've seen everyone work hard in practice and improve throughout the season," added Cheney. "I thought we played well together as a team," added Karri Schaben, freshman. "The five freshmen girls adjusted to the pace of high school basketball pretty well. I would encourage all the girls, especially next year's freshmen, to participate in summer ball to get used to the faster pace of high school."

"With only 13 players on the team," continued Jennifer Esparza, "we all played some on varsity. This helped us gain more experience and confidence for our JV games." The JV girls will continue to practice and work hard to provide support to the varsity team as they play in the post season.