

Bulldogs Win Two at Gove County Classic By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs won two of their five matches at the Gove County Classic Volleyball tournament in Grinnell on September 10. The tournament was set up in two pools with the Bulldogs competing in the pool with St. Francis, Quinter, and Greeley County.

“It was a good experience,” said Morgan Ritter. “We learned a lot about where we are and where we need to be,” added Gabrielle Schiltz.

They started off the day with high energy against St. Francis. The first set stayed close throughout much of the beginning before the Bulldogs took over and won 25-18 with a final kill by senior Gabrielle Schiltz. The Indians didn’t give up as they fought hard to send the game to a third set with a 26-24 win over the Bulldogs. These two evenly matched teams worked hard a volleyed back and forth throughout the third set. Senior Morgan Ritter moved all over the floor saving the ball, but the Indians came out on top with a 25-19 win.

The Bulldogs turned around and immediately played their second match against the Quinter Bulldogs. These teams again went to a three-set match with the Golden Plains girls winning 25-21, 12-25, 25-20.

The third match of the pool was against Greeley County. The Bulldogs had defeated the Jackrabbits earlier in the week and easily did so again as they took care of business winning 25-10 in the first set and 25-8 in the second.

The Bulldogs placed third in their pool behind Quinter and St. Francis, the girls moved on to the consolation bracket. They played Cheylin in the first match. They defeated Cheylin in three sets 25-14, 23-25, 25-17. Advancing to the consolation final match, they faced the Weskan Coyotes. The girls worked hard despite the long day, but the Coyotes came out on top 25-18, 25-22.

The Bulldogs record moved to 6-3 following this tournament. They returned home on September 13 for their final home games of the season against Northern Valley and Victoria.