Bulldogs Place Third At Season's First Meet By Mack Keller

On Monday October 29, Golden Plains High School hosted the first Scholars Bowl meet of the season. Nine teams attended, including Golden Plains' own. Competing members for GP this meet were Flint Hodge (Junior) Taryn Fleckenstein (Junior) Joseph Yanez-Perez (Junior), Wyatt McDonald (Freshman) Alisha Brantley (Freshman) and Mack Keller (Freshman). There were a total of nine rounds, but each team did get a bye-round to refocus or relax.

The top three teams were Golden Plains winning the bronze, with Hill City taking a close second to the first place winners, Wheatland/Grinnell. Other schools in attendance were Rawlins County, Wallace County, Cheylin, Weskan, Brewster, and Triplains. There was an awards ceremony, giving bronze, silver, and gold medals to the members of the top three teams, with Wheatland/Grinnell taking home a first place plaque.

For Golden Plains, the meet ended with a 5/3 win/loss. Golden Plains began against Triplains, taking an early victory 30-20, handily defeated Rawlins Co. 60-20, kept a similar streak against Weskan in the next round, going 60-0, before taking another close game against Wallace County, 30-20.

Golden Plains and Brewster continued from there, with a sluggish 20-0 game ending in GP's favor. Afterwards, first place winners Wheatland/Grinnell took a close game against Golden Plains, 40-30. On the next round, Golden Plains had a bye round.

Unfortunately for the Scholar's Bowl team at Golden Plains, their last two games ended in loss, with Cheylin taking a close 30-20 against the team and Hill City taking a convincing 60-20 against the team. "I was really proud of how we did considering how much of our team is completely new," said Taryn Fleckenstein-captain. "I think we can do really great this year." Their next meet will be on November 12 in Bird City.