

## Lady Bulldogs Hold 5-1 Season Start By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs hold a 5-1 record as they go into the winter break following a 50-41 win over the St. Francis Lady Indians in Rexford on December 18. The Dogs had defeated the Indians earlier in the season and worked hard to gain this second win.

The Lady Indians opened the game with a 3 but the Bulldogs worked hard to pull ahead 14-8 by the end of the first quarter. The Indians fought to keep the game close as they added 9 in the second, but the Lady Bulldogs distributed the ball around the floor to add another 14 leading 28-17 at the half.

Senior Jordyn Fleckenstein led the Bulldogs on the floor as the girls added 10 in the third while the defense held the Indians to 5. With a 38-22 lead at the end of the third, the Bulldogs had to buckle down in the fourth to hang on. The Indians were just as determined and pushed the Dogs to their limits. However, the Dogs hit repeated free throws to finish the game. The Indians outscored the Dogs 19-12 but their earlier lead helped the Dogs gain their second win of the season over the Indians 50-41.

Fleckenstein led the Lady Bulldogs with 22 points—including making 9 of 10 free throws. Hayden Wark added 12, Kadalen Unrein 8, Anais Cepeda 4, and Kailee Wessel 4. The Dogs worked hard under the basket as Unrein led the team with 10 rebounds, Fleckenstein 9, Wessel 8, Cepeda 6, Wark 4, and Siena Vargas 2. Cepeda had 6 assists, Wessel 2, and Fleckenstein, Vargas, and Wark each had 1. Fleckenstein and Wark each had 1 steal.

“We have played much harder these last two games,” said Fleckenstein. “Although we’ve been working hard, there are still improvements that need to be made.” The girls will host Wichita County in Rexford on January 2. Their only loss this season has been to the Lady Indians. “We plan to play hard against Leoti in January and be competitive,” added Fleckenstein.