

## MS Volleyball Brings Home Two Victories

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The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team played a tri with Western Plains/Healy and Heartland Christian on September 7 at Rexford. The Lady Bulldogs A-team won both of their games, the B-team lost to Western Plains/Healy but won against Heartland Christian, while the C-team took the win against Western Plains/Healy.

The A-team girls started off the day against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats. The Lady Bulldogs started the match fighting tough against the Bobcats with a close score of 2-2 at the beginning of the game. The Bulldogs pushed through and won the first set 25-11. In the second set the Bulldogs continued to fight hard and started with a close score of 1-1. The Dogs won the set 25-7.

The A-Team girls Bulldogs played their second match against the Heartland Christian Crusaders and won in three sets. The Dogs started the game tough, with the Crusaders one point behind 4-3. They had a close first set, which went over 25 points. The Bulldogs were unable to push through the final stretch and lost the set 24-26. The Dogs carried over to the second set stronger and won the set 25-12. The Bulldogs came out in the third set with a 3 point lead 5-2. After the Bulldogs continued to work hard, they won the set and the match with a 25-15 score.

“We can always continue to improve,” said Brenlynn Rath, 8th grader. “We need to work on talking more in the court and keeping the energy throughout sets.” “The first game we played really well and had really good communication,” added Evelyn Ortiz, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. “We also had good energy and worked well as a team.”

The B-team girls also played Western Plains/Healy and Heartland Christian. They started off strong with a 7 point lead over the Bobcats, but fell short towards at the end 22-25. In the second set the Bulldogs started off very strong with a 13 point lead and kept it going finishing the set 18-25 carrying it over to a third set. The Bobcats had a 7 point lead against the Bulldogs 10-3 in the third set. The Dogs fought tough but fell short leaving the score 12-15 with a win for the Bobcats.

The B-team also played the Heartland Christian Crusaders. In the first set the Bulldogs started off strong and kept that momentum going the entire set not letting the Crusaders score very many. The final was 25-9. In the second set the Dogs and Crusaders fought tough against each other, as the Lady Bulldogs won the second set 25-22.

The C-team played one set against Western Plains/Healy. They started off the set with a close score of 1-1. Both teams worked hard and kept the game close. The Lady Bulldogs pushed through and were able to finish the match with a 25-23 win

The girls will continue their season in Rexford on September 14 where they will host Triplains/Brewster.