

## Golden Plains Girls Win Last Regular Season Game By Breanna Rath

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs wrapped up their regular season with a win against the Wallace County Lady Wildcats in Rexford on Tuesday, February 21. Several Bulldogs got into foul trouble, but they fought through for the 42-34 win.

The first quarter had a slow start as the score stayed 2-2 in the first four minutes of the game. The Bulldogs began to hit some shots including a 3 from Breanna Rath to get the score rolling. Once the shots started falling, GP outscored the Wildcats 13-5 in the first quarter. Rath and Jordyn Fleckenstein both picked up their second foul with one minute remaining in the first.

The second quarter went well for the Bulldogs. GP continued to play aggressive on defense and only allowed the Wildcats to score 8 points while putting up 13 of their own. Sidney Taylor and Anette Hernandez both added two fouls each to their limit of five while Fleckenstein posted her third towards the end of the half. The score was in favor of the Bulldogs, 26-13, when the buzzer sent the teams to halftime.

The Wildcats gave the Bulldogs a run for their money early in the third quarter. Taylor quickly picked up her third foul and shortly after got her fourth, sending her to the bench for the remaining six minutes. The Bulldogs added four more points to their score while the Wildcats added 10.

Fleckenstein picked up her fourth foul at the end of the third. GP had the 30-23 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Wildcats did not go without fouling either, as they sent Rath to the line several times to shoot free throws. Rath went 4-4 while Fleckenstein went 2-2 from the line. After Hernandez picked up her fourth foul with 3:19 left in the game, the Wildcats got on a run and came within 5 points of the Bulldogs. Two Wildcats fouled out of the ballgame with minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Rath picked up her third and fourth foul back to back with 1:52 left on the clock. Taylor got on a run and added a solid 6 points to the Bulldogs score, securing their 42-34 win.

Scoring for the Bulldogs was Taylor with 16, Rath 9, Fleckenstein and Hernandez each with 5, Emma Weiner 4, and Hayden Wark 3.

With this win, the Bulldogs finished their regular season 17-3. They will have a first round bye going into sub-state held in Grainfield, March 2-4th. The Bulldogs will work hard in practice in order to have the opportunity to punch their ticket back to the State Tournament held at Barton Community College in Great Bend.