

GPMS B-Team Girls Place 2nd at WKLL

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The Golden Plains Middle School girls B-team basketball team finished their season on Saturday, February 11, at Brewster in the WKLL tournament. The girls worked hard and finished in second place to the Cheylin Lady Cougars.

The tournament started on Thursday, February 9 but the B-team girls did not play their first game until Saturday. They started the morning off against the Wheatland/Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks. The Bulldogs had a great first quarter and scored 9 points while holding the Thunderhawks to two. They came back in the second quarter still playing hard and added four more points to the board. The score going into the half was in favor of the Bulldogs 13-5. The Bulldogs continued to outwork the Hawks in the third quarter to stay in the lead. By the fourth quarter the Bulldogs were up 19-9. Not much happened in the fourth, as the Lady Bulldogs did not score and the Hawks only put up two to end the game 19-11. With this win, the Bulldogs advanced to the Championship game played later in the day. Sixth grader Jade Dible was leading scorer for the Dogs with 8 points followed by Elizabeth Romero 4, Estrella Aguilar 3, and 2 each from Madison Focke and Alicia Vargas.

The Championship game was an exciting one against the Cheylin Lady Cougars. The Cougars took charge on the floor and put up 5 points to the Bulldogs 2. The second quarter flipped the switch and was all about the Bulldogs. Nine points were added to the GP score as they were playing tough defense and held the Cougars to 2. The Bulldogs led 11-7 going into half time. Coming back from the half ready to play, the Bulldogs added 2 quick points to their score, though they were not able to hold the Cougars who scored 4. The Bulldogs began to trail the Cougars in the 4th, not able to get the ball to fall in the basket. Cheylin managed to put up 8 points of their own to take the Championship 13-19. The B-team received 2nd in the WKLL to finish their season.

The B-Team girls finished their season with an 11-2 record. Their first loss was in overtime to Triplains/Brewster with the second to the Cougars in the WKLL Championship game. "I am proud of how we did this season," said Knowles. "It was so fun playing basketball this year," added Aguilar.