

Middle School Girls Play First Game of the New Year  
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The Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldogs competed against the Cheylin Cougars in Rexford on January 5, to start the New Year. The B-Team girls won their game 24-17, while the A-Team lost their game 17-23.

The A-Team Girls had a rough start in the first quarter. They struggled putting points on the board allowing the Cougars a 10-0 lead. The girls were able to put some shots up in the second quarter gaining them 4 points while Cheylin added 3 to their side of the board leaving the score 4-13 at half.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs came out fired up and were able to hold the Cougars to only 4 points. Kailee Wessel and Adilyn Meier each made a free throw to add 2 points to the board for the Bulldogs to trail 6-17 at the end of the third.

Finally in the fourth quarter, the Dogs were able to add 11 points to the board. The Cougars put up 6 more on their side of the board for the 23-17 win over the Dogs.

“We worked well together and hustled down the floor,” said 8th grader Kailee Wessel, “but we just couldn’t make our shots.” Leading the Bulldogs was Kailee Wessel, Brenlynn Rath, and Adilyn Meier each scoring 4 points. Also adding points for the Bulldogs was Mayte Hernandez 3, Lakin Wark 1, and Kadalen Unrein 1.

Adilyn Meier opened the B-team game with a basket and Lakin Wark added another giving the Bulldogs 4 points in the first quarter for a 4-2 lead. The Dogs were able to put shots up scoring 8 points in the second quarter. The Cougars were able to find a few shots and added 6 points to the board giving the Bulldogs a 12-8 lead at halftime.

Returning for the second half, the Bulldogs added 9 points to the board, 4 of those points from Mayte Hernandez. Cheylin added 4 of their own for a 21-12 Bulldog lead to end the third. The Dogs continued to work hard for their win adding 3 points in the fourth quarter. The Cougars put in 5 more for a final score of 24-17 and a Bulldog win.

“Our offense was good and we made most of our shots,” said 7th grader Evelyn Ortiz. “Our defense has improved throughout the season and we showed that today.” Elizabeth Weiner led the team stats with 6 points, followed by Ortiz, Hernandez, and Meier each with 4, and Lakin Wark and Briella Knowles with 3 apiece. The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Colby to play Heartland Christian on January 10.