

## GP Goes 1-1 at Grinnell

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The Golden Plains Middle School traveled to Grinnell to take on the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks on Thursday, January 26. The Lady Bulldogs played two full games, B-team followed by A-team. The Dogs were able to secure a win for the B-team, 25-6, but fell short in the A-team losing 16-39.

The Dogs began the day with the B-team girls on the floor. GP started off strong offensively to set the tone. The Bulldogs led 7-2 after the first quarter. The Dogs kept up their intensity and left the Thunderhawks scoreless in the second quarter while adding 5 more. GP headed into half-time with the lead of 12-2.

The Lady Bulldogs came out of half-time fired up and added 10 more to the board. The Dogs led the Thunderhawks 22-2 heading into the fourth quarter. GP struggled offensively in the fourth quarter, which allowed the Thunderhawks to hold them to a three by Briella Knowles. Grinnell/Wheatland added 4 to their side of the board for a Bulldog win, 25-6.

Mayte Hernandez led the team with 6, followed by Lakin Wark, 5, Adilyn Meier and Briella Knowles, 3. Katie Carter, Evelyn Ortiz, Elizabeth Weiner, and Madison Focke all added 2. "We did well on the defensive end and being coachable," said 7th grader Lakin Wark, "but we should work on turning the ball over less on offense."

The A-team girls took the floor for their game. The Lady Bulldogs had a rocky start on offense, which allowed the Thunderhawks to capitalize. The Dogs trailed 2-10 after the first quarter. GP continued to struggle offensively only adding 2 more. The Thunderhawks attacked the rim and added 12 more to the board for a half-time lead of 4-22.

The Dogs came out of half-time with intensity but struggled to find many shots, only adding 6. GP worked hard against the Thunderhawks, but couldn't stop their offense allowing them to add 13 to the board. The Bulldogs played tough defense, only allowing Grinnell/Wheatland to add 4 in the fourth quarter. Golden Plains added 6 more, falling short to the Thunderhawks 16-39.

Mayte Hernandez led on the scoreboard for the Bulldogs with 6, followed by Adilyn Meier and Brenlynn Rath with 4 points each, and Evelyn Ortiz with 2. "I feel like we could have done better rebounding the ball," said 7th grader Hernandez, "but we never stopped playing hard."

The Dogs will continue their season on Monday, January 30 on their home floor against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats.