

GPMS Play at Home
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The Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldogs played their first home game on November 15 against the Decatur County Red Devils in Rexford.

The Lady Bulldogs started the night with a full B-team game, followed by one quarter of C-team. The B-team girls started their game fired up scoring 9, seven of them from 7th grader Adilyn Meier, and not allowing the Red Devils any points on the board. The Bulldogs didn't let up in the second quarter adding 7, finishing the first half 16-0. The Ladies held the lead adding four in the second half and only giving up one to the Red Devils. The Bulldogs finished the game 20-1. "I think we played with a lot of confidence," said 7th grader Adilyn Meier. "We need to continue playing together throughout the season."

Adilyn Meier led with 7 points, followed by Mayte Hernandez with 4, Elizabeth Weier added 3, and Katie Carter, Evelyn Ortiz, and Madison Focke added 2 each.

Following was one quarter of the C-team. The Lady Bulldogs were excited to get in playing time and showed it on the court. The Ladies played hard and won 6-2. Elizabeth Romero led with 4, followed by Madison Focke with 2. "I was excited to score and get the win," said 6th grader Elizabeth Romero. "We worked together and encouraged each other a lot more. We all had more experience in this game and were definitely more confident with ourselves and each other. I'm looking forward to playing again."

The A-team ended the night with a suspenseful game. The Ladies came out struggling only putting up 3, while the Red Devils added 7 in the first quarter. Again in the second quarter, the Bulldogs added 3 more all from free throws, and allowed the Red Devils to put up 5, ending the first half 6-12. Coming into the second half, the Bulldogs knew they had to stop the Devils. Once again the Bulldogs added 3 to the score but showed good defense holding the Devils to 2. With the score 9-14, the Bulldogs were still in reach of the Red Devils. In the final quarter the Lady Bulldogs took the lead 16-14, but with little time left, the Red Devils made a 3 pulling ahead 16-17. The Bulldogs couldn't get another shot off and took a hard fought loss.

"We played well this game but just came short of the win," said 8th grader Kailee Wessel. "We have a lot we can improve on and continue pushing each other." Elizabeth Weiner led with 5, followed by Kailee Wessel with 4, Brenlynn Rath added 3, and Adilyn Meier and Kadalen Unrein each put up 2.

The Lady Bulldogs season continues on November 17 at home against the Logan/Palco Trojans.