

Lady Dogs Win Two at Ringneck Classic By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won two games and lost three at the Ringneck Classic in Hill City on October 7. They claimed wins over Hill City and Thunder Ridge in two sets each while losing to Rawlins County, Ness City, and Trego County—also in two sets each.

“We played extremely well against some tough competition,” said McKinzie Horobik, junior. “We have improved significantly since the start of the season. We are much more confident at the net.”

The first game of the round robin tournament was against the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes from Atwood. The girls all played hard and kept the games close with the Buffaloes winning the match 25-22, 25-21. The second game of the morning was against the Hill City Lady Ringnecks. The Lady Bulldogs got off to a good start as they claimed the match in two sets 25-17, 25-15.

The third match was against the Trego Lady Golden Eagles. The Eagles took an early lead but the Bulldogs fought back to pull slightly ahead. The Eagles came back and pushed forward for the first set win 25-17. The Bulldogs took an early lead in the second set but the Eagles came from behind to tie the set up at 11. They went on a run to extend their lead for the second set and match win 25-14.

The Bulldogs moved to the grade school gym for the final two games of the tournament. They played the Ness City Lady Eagles for the fourth match. Ness City took the lead to start the game and, although the Bulldogs fought back, finished with the win 25-15. The Bulldogs tied up the Eagles early in the second set, but the Eagles took over controlling the ball for the win 25-8.

The final match of the day was against the Thunder Ridge Lady Longhorns. The Bulldogs took the lead and held on for the first set win 25-19. As both teams wore down from the long day and warm gym, the Bulldogs dug deep into their strengths to win the final set 25-13.

The Lady Bulldogs play their final regular season games in Wakeeney on October 10 against Trego, Wheatland/Grinnell, and Dighton before heading to the WKLL/NWKL League Tournament on October 12 and 14 in Colby. “As we head into league, we should continue to compete at our level,” added Horobik. “We need to keep our energy and excitement on the court.”