

MS Lady Bulldogs Start Off Their Season in Brewster
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On November 15 and 16, the Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldogs headed to Brewster to start off their basketball season in the annual preseason tournament. Both the A and B teams played two games, both against Triplains/Brewster on Friday and Northern Valley on Saturday.

The A team girls first game was against the Triplains/Brewster Lady Titans. The Lady Bulldogs ended out the first half 19-14 with baskets from Kaylie Schaben, Sierra Finlay, Maggi Nieman, KayCee Miller, and Jennifer Esparza. Coming back out onto the court, the Lady Bulldogs overtook the Titans to end the game 37-28. Leading the Lady Bulldogs in points was Miller-17, followed by Schaben and Esparza with 6, Neiman-4, Finlay-3, and Taylor Lobato putting in a free throw.

The A girls then played the Northern Valley Huskies on Saturday. After the first half, the Lady Bulldogs were down by three, 11-13. With the ending of the second half the Lady Bulldogs couldn't quite pull through finishing the game with a 20-33 loss. Contributing were Schaben-6, Esparza, Miller, and Finlay with 4 each, and Nieman-2.

"We all did really well on getting shots up and working as a team," stated Nieman, eighth grader. "We need to prepare ourselves to stay mentally focused and to work on getting tougher under the net to get more rebounds."

The B team also played Triplains/Brewster first. There was much excitement on the floor, when the game started with four first-year players. The Lady Bulldogs obtained a good lead ending the first half 6-2. Ready to play some more, the Bulldogs gained ten points in the second half leaving with a score of 16-4. Taryn Fleckenstein led the Lady Bulldogs in points with 10 followed by Sable Finlay, Karri Schaben, and Malilah Green chipping in two points each.

The final game for the ladies was the B team contest against Northern Valley. The Lady Bulldogs competed hard throughout the whole game. After the first half the Bulldogs were struggling with a score of 5-14. By the end of the game the Lady Bulldogs couldn't quite get back up and ended the score 9-26. The Lady Bulldogs played their first home against Logan on November 21 and will head to Winona on November 26 for a rematch with the Triplains/Brewster girls.