

B-Team Girls Place Third in League  
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The Golden Plains Middle School B Team girls entered the Western Kansas Liberty League Basketball tournament in mid-February ready to give it their all. They had a five and 4 season, and were ready to fight to the finish.

They had a tough start as they played Northern Valley for their first game. The Lady Huskies controlled the game from start to finish. The Bulldogs tried to hold the Huskies back in the first quarter, the Lady Huskies put in 16 holding the Lady Bulldogs to 0.

In the second quarter the team put in so much effort and work to make the scoreboard change but only made a single free throw by Sable Finlay to fall behind 24-1 at the half. The Bulldogs decided to pick it up in the second half, but couldn't manage any score in the third, but put more points on the board in the fourth with an ending score of 5 to 34 with three points coming from Finlay and two from Mabel Lugo.

“Even though we couldn't stop them from scoring we hustled hard on defense,” said Karri Schaben, “We never gave up and put some points on the board so that it wasn't just a zero.”

The Lady Bulldogs then played Logan for the consolation match. They played hard and came home with a close win for third place in the tournament. In the first quarter the Lady Bulldogs got a lead of 4 to 0 with Mabel Lugo making two baskets for the team. “It felt good to make the first two baskets in the game,” said Mabel, “I knew it would be a hard game but I also knew we had the skills to win.”

In the second quarter the girls made yet another basket while Logan made their first basket of the game to give the Lady Bulldogs a 6-2 at half. In the third quarter the girls held back Logan and only let them get by with one basket, but were unable to score themselves. The girls then picked it up in the last quarter of the game putting up 6 more points for the Bulldogs allowing 6 to win the game 12-10 for third place.