

MS Girls Bring Home Two Wins
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On November 26 the Golden Plains Middle School basketball teams traveled to Winona to play the Triplains/Brewster Lady Titans. They played two full games, B team and A team, and each game ended with another win for the Bulldogs.

In the first quarter of the B team game 6th grader Karri Schaben scored the only basket for the Bulldogs but they still came out above the Titans who did not score in the first quarter. The Titans put in 2 points in the second quarter, but another basket from Taryn Fleckenstine gave the Bulldogs a 4-2 lead at half time.

Taryn Fleckenstein achieved 2 more points in the third quarter as the defense held the Titans scoreless once again. The girls from Triplains finished the game with four points in the fourth, but six more from the Lady 'Dogs Malilah Green, Mabel Lugo, Paris Bailey, and Sable Finlay gave Golden Plains the win 12-6. "I think we played a lot better in the 2nd quarter," said Taryn Fleckenstein, sixth grade. "I really have seen an improvement in our team work already."

The A team game started out with a layup from Kaycee Miller and a basket from Triplains in the first. GP shot 6 points in the second quarter, but the Lady Titans put in 11 for a half time the score of 13-8, with the Bulldogs falling behind.

The girls came into the second half with a renewed sense of determination and put in 21 point in the 3rd quarter alone. Seventh grader Kaycee Miller scored 16 of those points, 6 of them from free throws. Also scoring were Sierra Finlay and Jennifer Esparza. In the last quarter of the game, the Lady Dogs extended their lead to win the game 40-31. Contributing to the Bulldogs' win were Kaylie Schaben, Amanda Cheney and Tayler Lobato.

Eighth grader Sierra Finlay said, "We played a really rough first half, but came back after half time with a better attitude and overall more determination," said Sierra Finlay, 8th grade. "I am very proud of how we worked together to add another win to our record." The girls will continue their season on Thursday, December 5, when they travel to Damar.