

MS Girls Split Games with Healy/Heartland
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The Golden Plains Middle School girls played the girls from Healy and Heartland on October 3. The A-team girls split games defeating Healy but losing a close three to Heartland. The Lady Bulldogs took control early on and held on against Healy for two easy wins 25-9 and 25-10. They lost their first match to Heartland 21-25 but bounced back to win the second 25-18. In the hard fought third match, the Lady Crusaders came away with the 11-25 win over the Lady Bulldogs. "We played as a team and worked hard," said Sierra Finlay, 8th grade, "but we need to play harder."

The B-team girls gave it a good battle throughout the first match against Healy, but the Lady Eagles slipped past them for the 25-23 win. Determination and hard work carried them into the second match, but the Lady Eagles finally claimed the 27-25 victory. The girls were then able to play one set against the girls from Heartland and claimed the win 25-20. "We played together, moved our feet, and talked a lot," said Taryn Fleckenstien, 6th grade.

"I have been very proud of the girls this season," said Coach Mindy Fleckenstein. "Their hard work in practice has paid off and we are really improving as a team. We struggled to play as a team against Heartland and the girls saw what happens when we don't work together and support each other. Since that game the girls have come back together and are working much better as a team."

The girls will play Northern Valley for their last regular season games before preparing for the league tournament on October 29.