

Lady 'Dogs Come Back for Home Win By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs came from behind to claim a 58-44 win over the Cheylin Lady Cougars for their last home game of the season on February 27. "We didn't start the game strong and then realized we needed to get our head in the game and get a win," said senior Rachael Ritter.

The Lady 'Dogs scored first in the game, but the Lady Cougars quickly tied the game up and pulled ahead for an 11-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Lady 'Dogs allowed them a 10 point lead in the second before three consecutive baskets from Kynndra Rush closed the spread. Two free throws from Maddy Walz and a bucket from Kami Miller tied the game up at 17. Rush hit again for the lead, but the Cougars tied it back up and despite a basket from Rachael Ritter, held a one point lead at the half 22-21.

The Lady Bulldogs took over in the third and pulled ahead by 8 points with baskets from Gabrielle Schiltz, Ritter, and Walz to lead 38-30. The game was far from over as the girls battled it out in the fourth. The Lady Cougars sent the Lady Bulldogs to the line for much of the quarter. Schiltz continued to hit free throws—she made 8 in the game—along with free shots from Miller, Walz, and Amber Erwin. The Lady Cougars were unable to catch up as the Lady Bulldogs won 58-44.

Points were scored by Gabrielle Schiltz-16, Rachael Ritter-13, Kami Miller-10, Maddy Walz-9, Kynndra Rush-8, and Amber Erwin-2. The Lady 'Dogs outrebounded Cheylin 41-34 with R. Ritter-11, Rush-9, Schiltz-7, Walz-6, Miller-5, Erwin-2, and Morgan Ritter-1. Assists were given by Rush-6, Miller-2, and R. Ritter-1 with steals gained by Miller-5, Schiltz-3, R. Ritter-3, Rush-2, and Walz-1.

This final home floor win of the season gives the Lady Bulldogs a 14-6 overall record going into the Sub-State tournament. They are 7-2 in the league. They will play Palco in the first round of Sub-State in their quest to return to the state tournament for the third consecutive year. "This win helped us get our confidence back as we make another run for the state tournament," added Ritter.