

JV Girls Win Two at Tournament

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Girls Basketball team won both of their games at the JV Tournament in Rexford on January 24. GPHS hosted the tournament to give the junior varsity players additional court experience.

Girls teams participating in the tournament were Golden Plains, Weskan, and Cheylin. The Lady Bulldogs easily defeated the Lady Cougars 43-13. The Lady 'Dogs led 11-4 by the end of the first quarter with five points—including a three at the buzzer—from Maggi Nieman. The girls slowed the pace a bit in the second as the Lady 'Dogs put in six more points, holding the Lady Cougars to 3.

The second half found the Lady Bulldogs back in charge as they added 12 in the third and finished strong with 14 in the fourth for the win. Scoring for Golden Plains were Maggi Nieman-13, Kaylie Schaben-11, Sierra Finlay-8, Carmen Sepulveda-6, Jennifer Esparza-3, and Tayler Lobato-2.

"I thought everyone did a good job," said Maggi Nieman. "It was a good way to gain experience. It was also nice to add the wins to our record."

The Lady 'Dogs took a break while Cheylin and Weskan played with Weskan claiming the win 36-25. The final game of the day was Golden Plains vs. Weskan. The girls started the game on fire as they went on an 8-0 run before the Lady Coyotes made a three to start their scoring game. They pulled to within three of the Lady 'Dogs, but the home town girls pulled back ahead to 15-7 by the end of the first.

The Lady Coyotes fought back in the second, but nothing was stopping the Lady Bulldogs as they leapt ahead 28-12 at the half. The girls wore down from the long day of basketball and only put in 7 points in the third and 3 in the fourth as everyone gained floor experience. The Lady Coyotes added five points in the second half to give the Lady Bulldogs the win 38-17.

Scores for Golden Plains came from Sierra Finlay-11, Kaylie Schaben-9, Carmen Sepulveda-8, Ana Bermudez-6, and Maggi Nieman-4. Additional girls contributing to the win were Brittany Fringer, Jennifer Esparza, and Tayler Lobato. "I thought we played well as a team," said Sierra Finlay. "I got a lot of experience." "Even though we won and played two very good games," Finlay added, "we still have things to improve on."

The girls, who now have a 7-2 record, returned to the court on Tuesday to play in Quinter on January 27 and will support the varsity in the WKLL tournament the first week of February.