

Lady Dogs Place Second at Ringneck Classic

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs placed second at the Ringneck Classic Volleyball tournament in Hill City on October 8. "We worked well as a team throughout the tournament," said junior Rayna Taylor.

The first game of pool play was against the Ness City Lady Eagles. The Bulldogs had defeated the Eagles early in the season but had to work a little harder to defeat them a second time. The Bulldogs played the Eagles a close first set with the Eagles claiming the win 26-24. The Bulldogs regrouped to win the second set 25-17, and claimed the win with a third set victory of 25-11.

The second game was against the Thunder Ridge Lady Longhorns. This was the first time these teams had met this season. The Lady Dogs had to work hard to defeat the Longhorns in two sets 25-18, 25-23.

The final game of pool play was against the Lady Ringnecks from Hill City. This was also the only time these teams met this year. The Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-17. The Ringnecks kept it close in the second set but the Bulldogs ended with the win 25-20.

The Championship game was against the Trego Golden Eagles. "Trego was a different type of team than we usually play," continued Taylor. The Eagles won the first set 25-18. The Bulldogs worked hard but the Eagles claimed the second set and the championship 25-20.

"We have bonded well as a team this year," added Taylor. "We are very supportive of one another both on and off the court. We appreciate the support of our families and of (junior) Jovanny Infante that kept cheering us on throughout the tournament."

The Golden Plains girls, who now hold a 22-4 season record, will meet up with Trego again as they travel to Wakeeney on October 13 for a quad with the Eagles, Dighton, and Wheatland.