

Lady Dogs Win West Side WKLL Quad By Brooke Stoll

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs hosted the West side WKLL Quad on Saturday, October 17. This was the first and only home game the Golden Plains Volleyball team hosted this season. The Western Kansas Liberty League decided to host two WKLL Volleyball quads instead of the Annual WKLL tourney due to COVID-19.

Golden Plains hosted the West with Weskan, Cheylin, and Triplains/Brewster while the other quad was hosted in Logan, the East, with Logan/Palco, Western Plains/Healy, Northern Valley, and Wheatland/Grinnell. The Lady Bulldogs went 4-0 on the day to win the West Side quad. "We played great throughout the day and had fun being able to have our home crowd's support!" said Carli Nieman, "I am excited to see what we can do in the post-season!"

GPHS took on Triplains/Brewster for the first game of the day. This was the 4th meeting between the two teams this season. The Dogs jumped out to a 7-2 lead behind two ACE serves from Breanna Rath. The Bulldogs continued to work hard and communicate to win the first set 25-12. Golden Plains kept up their energy, with the help of their big fan base, to take the second set and game 25-12.

Golden Plains played the Cheylin Cougars for the second game of the day and the second time this season. The Bulldogs and Cougars rallied back and forth throughout the first set, but the Dogs held on to win 25-15. The Dogs got up on the Cougars in the start of the second set 5-1, but the Cougars fought back to tie the game up at 5. Both sides were determined and continued to work hard throughout the second set. The Bulldogs pushed through to win the game 25-22.

The Lady Dogs faced the Weskan Coyotes for the third game of the day. Breanna Rath went on a serving run to lead the Dogs to an 8-0 lead. The Bulldogs continued to serve well and attack the ball to take the first set 25-17. Golden Plains got ahead of the Coyotes early in the second set 18-10. The Coyotes never gave up and fought back into the game. The last few points were long rallies, but the Dogs won the second set and game 25-22. This win guaranteed a rematch for the "championship" game of the day.

The Dogs matched up with the Coyotes for the second time of the day in the championship game. The Coyotes and Bulldogs continued to play back-and-forth throughout the whole first set. The Bulldogs then went on a serving run behind Brooke Stoll to lead 20-14. The Dogs pushed through to take the first set 25-20. Golden Plains dominated the second set and never looked back to win the game 25-10. The Bulldogs went 4-0 on the day to win the West side of the WKLL Quad. The Bulldogs went undefeated in league play during the regular season, also. "We have improved every game throughout the season and our success thus far has shown!" said Ashley Stoll, "We need to work hard and stay healthy to be prepared for this Saturday!"

The Bulldogs will prepare all week for the sub-state tournament in St. Francis on October 24.