

Lady Bulldogs Play Close with Quinter

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played a close game with the Quinter Lady Bulldogs in Rexford on February 17. The GP girls worked hard but held on to win their closest game of the season 46-42.

The GP girls opened with a 5-0 run before Quinter was able to score in the first. They added another 8 for a 13-2 lead. Quinter came back to add a couple of baskets while GP added another to lead 15-6 at the end of the first.

The Golden Plains ladies extended their lead to 20 at the beginning of the second. Quinter found the basket and added another 8 to go into the half with GP ahead 24-14.

Quinter opened the second half with a couple of 3's while Golden Plains only added a single field goal in the third. They were able to hit 5 of 6 free throws as Quinter hit a late-quarter 3 allowing the GP girls to maintain a 31-23 lead at the buzzer.

Quinter's girls were determined to not let Golden Plains have an easy win as they worked hard in the fourth to close the spread. With just under six minutes left in the game, Quinter had closed the gap with GP holding a 34-32 lead.

Kassie Miller hit a couple of shots to extend GP's hold on the game but Quinter answered. With just over a minute to go, Quinter trailed GP 37-40. Miller added a couple of free shots only to have Quinter make two of their own. Morgan Wark hit an and-one to maintain the GP lead. With 25 seconds left in the game, Golden Plains had a six point lead. Quinter was fouled behind the three-point line with just 12.5 seconds remaining and made all three of their shots to finish the game with a Golden Plains win 46-42.

"It was good for us to play such a close game," said Miller. "We worked on playing under pressure which will help us in the post-season."

Miller led the Golden Plains girls with 25 total points. Morgan Wark added 10, Sidney Taylor 5, Anette Hernandez 4, and Breanna Rath 2. The Lady Dogs will play their third game of the week on February 18 against Northern Valley in Almena.