

Lady Bulldogs Down Thunderhawks Again

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs defeated the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks for the second time this season with a 58-32 win in Rexford on February 11. The Lady Dogs had defeated the Hawks for the WKLL championship the week before. “We played much better than last time,” said Sidney Taylor. “We appreciate all the younger girls stepping up when needed and the support of our crowd.”

The Hawks opened the game with a 3 only to have the Dogs answer with baskets by Morgan Wark and Breanna Rath. The Hawks worked hard but a free throw from Kassie Miller tied the game up at 6. Both teams played tough defense as they pushed their offense and tied the game up several more times in the first ending the quarter 13-13.

The Bulldogs opened the second with two quick baskets by Miller to gain the lead. They never looked back as Carli Nieman pumped in two more putting the Dogs up 21-13. Additional baskets by Rath, Wark, and Nieman extended the lead to 27-13 before the Hawks got their first basket of the quarter with just two minutes until the half. The Dogs didn't back down as Sidney Taylor and Anette Hernandez added their shots. With a couple of free throws from the Hawks, the Dogs led 31-17 at the half.

The Hawks hit a three early in the third quarter but were unable to get any more shots to fall as the Bulldogs stayed the course on offense to add 13 of their own. Both teams played their hearts out in the fourth quarter as the Hawks found the basket and put in 12, including 7 free throws. The Dogs also made a lot of free throws—hitting 6 of 9, along with a couple more buckets from Hernandez and Taylor to finish the game with a 58-32 win.

Kassie Miller finished the game with 23 points while Morgan Wark and Breanna Rath each scored 8. Anette Hernandez put in 7, Sidney Taylor 6, Carli Nieman 5, and Lauren Patmon 1. The Lady Bulldogs played again at home as they hosted Rawlins County on February 15 in Rexford.