

## Lady Dogs Win Three at Ringneck Classic By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won three of five matches in the Reingneck Classic round robin tournament in Hill City on October 9. The Dogs defeated Rawlins County in 2 sets, Hill City in 3 sets, and Ness City in 3. They fell to both Trego County and Thunder Ridge in three hard fought sets.

“It was a good day full of great competition,” said Kassie Miller. “Even with a couple of losses, this tournament was exactly what we needed to move forward in our season.” “I felt like we played well,” added Breanna Rath. “We had some really good games and we had some that we struggled in, but there are always things we can improve on. I am so excited to see how the rest of the season goes.”

The first match of the day was against the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes. Both sets were very close with the Lady Dogs winning the first set 25-23. The second set was also close with the Dogs pulling ahead 26-24 for the win.

The second match was against the Lady Ringnecks from Hill City. This game went to three sets with the Bulldogs winning the first set 25-15. The Ringnecks fought back in the second set to claim a 27-25 win. The Dogs held on for the third set and match win 25-21.

The Bulldogs lost their first match of the day to the Trego Eagles. The Eagles won the first set 25-21 but the Dogs fought their way to a 25-17 second set victory. The third set was another close battle that the Eagles claimed 25-22.

The Bulldogs put the loss behind them as they moved on to face the Ness City Eagles. The Bulldogs had lost to the Eagles early in the season and this match proved to be a challenge for both teams. The Eagles claimed the first set 25-21. The Dogs dug deep and worked together for the second set win 26-24. The girls fought hard on both sides of the ball with the Lady Bulldogs finally winning the set and the match 27-25.

The final match of the game was against the Thunder Ridge Longhorns. The Lady Bulldogs went into this match with no break coming off three three-set matches. The Dogs rode their adrenaline to a first set win 25-23. They lost their momentum in the second set falling to the Longhorns 16-25. The final set was won by the Longhorns 15-25.

“It was a challenge to play the number of sets we did with little break,” said Jordyn Fleckenstein, “but it was a good challenge. I know we all appreciate it when the other students or football boys come to watch us. It was a fun day, but looking forward to league and sub-state.”

“Playing 12 sets in a row was exhausting and it definitely began to show towards our last games,” added Carli Nieman. “Overall, I think we did great the whole day through. Going into league and sub-state these next weeks, we will have to be on top of our game. No room for error now!”

The Lady Bulldogs continue their 23-4 season in Dighton on October 12 where they will play both Wheatland/Grinnell and Trego.