

Middle School Back To The Court  
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The Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldogs competed against the Cheylin Cougars in McDonald on January 6, for their the first game of the New Year. The B-team girls won their game 19-13 while the A-team lost to the Cougars 7-34.

Kadalen Unrein won the tip to start the A-team game for the Bulldogs. The Cougars pressed hard stealing the ball and make the first points of the game. The Bulldogs were determined to make their mark on the board as Brenlynn Rath tied the score up at 2.

Cheylin went on an 11 point run to end the first quarter with a 13-2 lead. The Cougars added another 5 in the second before the Rath made another score for the Bulldogs. Both teams fought to add more points, was Anais Cepeda put in a free throw for the Dogs bringing the half-time score to 22-5 in favor of the Cougars.

The Cougars scored 12 more in the third while Braylee Knowles drove the ball to the basket for the Bulldogs only score of the quarter giving the Cougars a 34-7 lead. Neither team was able to make a basket in the fourth as Cheylin was victorious 34-7.

“We worked hard and had good offense,” said Laura Moore-8th grade, “but we need to box out, work on defense, and putting more shots up.” Rath finished the game with 4 points, along with Knowles 2, and Cepeda with 1.

For the B-team, Addy Wessel jumped for the Dogs. Rath opened the game with a 3. Rath added a basket along two shots from Lakin Wark to give the Dogs a 9-0 at the end of the first. The Dogs were unable to score in the second while the Cougars put in 6 giving the Dogs a 9-6 halftime lead.

The Bulldogs put up another 8 in the third with shots from Evelyn Ortiz, Rath, and Elizabeth Weiner. Cheylin added 2 of their own for a 17-8 third quarter score. The Dogs stayed positive and worked together to get their win as Wark added another basket in the fourth. The Cougars put in 5 more for the final 19-13 Bulldog win.

“We have to work on passing, boxing out, and need to talk more,” said Briella Knowles-6th Grade, “We did well on staying positive and putting up good shots.” Rath led the team with 7, Wark added 6, Ortiz 4, and Weiner 2. The girls will return home to host Heartland Christian in Rexford on January 11.