

MS Girls Play Home Games By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School girls basketball team played their second home games of the season against Quinter on December 13 in Rexford. Both A and B teams played hard, and their games were close at times, but both teams lost to the Quinter Bulldogs.

The B-team girls played the first of the four full games played that night. They couldn't get the ball to fall in the first half as they fell behind 2-8 by the end of the first with the only basket coming from Mayte Hernandez. Lakin Wark put in a free throw in the second for the GP girls' only score of the quarter to trail 3-10 at the half.

The girls again only made one basket in the third from Estella Vargas while Quinter extended their lead 14-5. Vargas shot again in the fourth and Breanna Rath made a three to finish the game with a 21-10 win for Quinter. "We could have tried harder," said Estella Vargas, 7th grade. "We need to work on controlling the ball and hustling up and down the court."

The A-team girls had a very exciting game with lots of support from the hometown fans. They also got off to a slow start with two free throws from Brenlynn Rath and Kailee Wessel for a 2-4 first quarter score. Quinter worked hard in the second quarter to extend their lead to 11-6 with GP points coming from Katie Carter and Rath.

Following a half-time pep talk from Coach Travis Smith, the GP girls came out in the second with motivation and determination. Anais Cepeda quickly scored for GP adding another basket and free throw for the home team. Quinter put in 6 holding a 17-11 lead at the end of the third. The final quarter was full of action as lots of free throws were shot by Cepeda, Wessel, and Rath. The GP girls tied the game up at 17 midway through the quarter, as Quinter responded to regain control. The girls were within one point with two minutes to play, but Quinter went on a late-quarter run to win the game 30-22.

Cepeda finished the game with 10 points for Golden Plains. Brenlynn Rath and Kailee Wessel each added 5 and Braylee Knowles and Katie Carter each scored 1. "The girls hustled well up and down the court," said Kailee Wessel-7th grade. "We need to work on taking care of the ball better. We need to be more confident with the ball."

The Lady Bulldogs will wrap up their pre-Christmas schedule on December 16 as they travel to Almena to play the Northern Valley Lady Huskies.