

## Bulldogs Play First Home Game

By Sidney Taylor

The Golden Plains Volleyball team stayed in Rexford to take on Victoria and Northern Valley on September 13. This is the Lady Bulldogs first of two home games of the season.

The Bulldogs battled Victoria for their first match of the night. Stealing the first 2 points the Bulldogs led, but the Knights quickly tied it back up. The ball went back and forth keeping the score close. The Bulldogs began pulling ahead 7-4 but the Knights stayed close keeping it within one point. After a long volley the Knights tied the game 10-10. The Bulldogs pulled together and gained a lead of 16-11 and continued to push forward. The Knights didn't let up and eventually took the lead 21-19. This didn't faze the Bulldogs and they came back 22-22. They worked hard and finished the first set 25-22.

The Lady Bulldogs came out on fire the second set quickly getting ahead 8-5. The Bulldogs kept the Knights down and took a 10 point lead 20-10. The second set ended 25-16 with a Bulldog victory over the Knights for the first time since 2019. "I'm happy I got to contribute to beating Victoria," said sophomore Anette Hernandez. "I had a lot of fun and am very proud of the girls. I really enjoyed getting to play at home in front of a great, supportive crowd."

The second match of the night was against Northern Valley. The Bulldogs fought hard but the Huskies took the lead to begin. The Bulldogs tied it up 11-11 and began taking control on the floor. After a hard fought set, the Bulldogs fell short with a loss, 23-25 after the first set. Knowing they had to win the second set, the Bulldogs came out strong keeping the score within one point of the Huskies. With some communication errors, the Huskies gained on the Bulldogs causing a second loss 17-25. "We fought hard throughout the match," said Jordyn Fleckenstein, junior. "I am proud of everyone and we will continue to work hard to improve this season."

The Lady Bulldogs now hold a 12-5 record. Their season will continue Tuesday, September 20 in Saint Francis.