

## JV Girls Fall One Short By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs JV girls played a two-quarter game with the Northern Valley Lady Huskies on January 23 in Rexford. The Lady Bulldogs got off to a slow start only scoring 2 points from freshman Maggi Nieman in the first quarter allowing the Lady Huskies 6.

The Lady 'Dogs picked up their game in the second quarter after allowing the Huskies to pull ahead 11-2 before Tayler Lobato hit a shot to get the scoring started. Baskets followed by Kaylie Schaben, Ana Bermudez, and Morgan Ritter as the girls tied the game up at 15 with just under three minutes to play.

In an exciting last few minutes, the Lady Huskies hit a shot to regain the lead. Morgan Ritter made a free throw to bring the game back within one with one minute remaining. Following a quick timeout, the Lady Huskies went to the free throw line, but missed both shots.

Sierra Finlay rebounded the missed shots but the Lady 'Dogs couldn't get their shot to fall on the opposite end of the floor. The Lady Huskies pushed the ball hard, but Maggi Nieman managed to steal the ball and Coach Parker Christensen called a time out with 10.4 seconds remaining. The Lady 'Dogs missed their shot, but Northern Valley knocked the ball out of bounds. Golden Plains got the ball back with 4.5 seconds to play.

The Lady 'Dogs got the ball after a final timeout. Kaylie Schaben threw the ball into Bermudez. She pushed the ball down the floor, but ran out of time before she could get a shot off. The JV girls lost their second game of the season by one point 16-17.

"The girls basketball team has worked really hard," said Tayler Lobato, "but we were not as prepared as we will be by the end of the season." "This loss was really hard for us to take," added Lobato, "but it made us realize that we need to work harder from the start."

Morgan Ritter finished the game with 7 points along with 3 from Nieman, and 2 each from Bermudez, Schaben, and Lobato. The JV girls will play a full game in Quinter on January 27.