

Lady Bulldogs Win Three at Home By Kaylie Schaben

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won all three of their first home volleyball games of the season with a quad with Greeley County, Heartland, and Healy.

The Lady Bulldog's first game of the night was against Greeley County. The first set was 25-20, Golden Plains with the win for that set. The Lady Bulldogs had some trouble with serving in that set. The second set went better for them as they were able to pick up on their serves, and came out with a score of 25-9 for their first win of the night and the season.

The second game for the Lady Bulldogs was against Healy. The girls opened on fire and ready to play! Kami Miller started and finished the first set serving a perfect game with 25 straight serves to win 25-0. "It was an extraordinary opportunity to be able to serve 25 straight," said Kami Miller. "We set well and hit hard as a team to keep the ball on our side of the net throughout the game."

"The girls did a great job keeping the ball," said Coach Orba Smith. "They had an answer for everything Healy hit back over the net and played them out." "Miller stayed focused for 26 straight serves," added Smith. (Once serve was replayed.) "The girls got in a rhythm that couldn't be broken. This is a rare accomplishment in volleyball, especially with rally scoring."

In the second set Healy started with the serve. The Lady Bulldogs played the serve out and won the point. With a 3-1 lead, Jennifer Esparza, freshman, stepped behind the line and served 10 in a row to put the Lady 'Dogs up 13-1. The Lady Eagles rallied back but the Lady 'Dogs stayed strong as another freshman, Maggi Nieman, spiked the ball for the final point to win the game 25-6.

The final game of the night was the Lady Bulldogs against Heartland Christian. The Lady Bulldogs worked hard to win the first set with a score of 25-18. Going into the second set the Lady Bulldogs kept their energy up. They pulled ahead of Heartland 16-3, but errors allowed the Lady Crusaders to close the gap. The girls rallied together and made sure to set the ball up to pull ahead 20-8. With a kill by junior Kynndra Rush, the Lady 'Dogs won the game 25-14.

With these three wins, the Lady Bulldogs now have a 9-4 record to start the season. They will travel to Colby on Tuesday, September 23, to play Heartland, Cheylin, and Quinter at the Community Building.